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Presidential Address

At the 19th Annual Convention of the Theoretical Society
Held at the University of Chicago, December 1984

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Presidential Address

To the 109th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society,
Adyar, 26 December 1984

MEMBERS of the Theosophical Society are so often called 'Theosophists' that the appellation does not carry with it the sense of nobility and worthiness that it should. The term *ārya*, from which Aryan is derived, referred in the long past to a person or thing of an elevated nature. When the Buddha taught the way to freedom from suffering, that way was called the *ārya*, 'noble' Path, for he who treads this path is lifted out of the pain of worldly existence into the lofty realm of Wisdom. But the word lost its significance as time passed and came to be associated merely with a social group; the Nazis further degraded it by associating it with their own wickedly ignoble activities.

The word 'Theosophist' too has a lofty sense. It refers to those who, by their mode of life and contemplation, draw ever closer to the divine principle, and thereby realize more and more the light of Wisdom and Truth. The least meaning that can be attached to the word was indicated by H.P.B. when she wrote: 'It is easy to become a Theosophist. Any person of average intellectual capacities, and a leaning towards the metaphysical; of pure, unselfish life, who finds more joy in helping his neighbour than in receiving help himself, one who is ever ready to sacrifice his own pleasures for the sake of

other people; and who loves Truth, Goodness and Wisdom for their own sake, not for the benefit they may confer—is a Theosophist.' A member of the Theosophical Society who makes no serious attempt to embody even the minimum stated here, does not by any means earn the right to be called a Theosophist. In fact the reason for becoming a member of the Theosophical Society should be the desire to become a true Theosophist. If the Society were to have a membership which is little concerned with the necessary qualifications, it would be a useless organization, serving to downgrade the meaning of the word 'Theosophist'.

All members of the Theosophical Society cannot be expected to be spiritually mature and wise; those who are wise may not need to be members of any organization. But though imperfection may exist in those who join the Society, they have to distinguish themselves by sincerity in the pursuit of Truth, Goodness and Wisdom, by their uprightness of conduct and unselfishness.

Right perception involves insight into the nature of the real and the unreal. The unreal is, of course, without value for those who can see. It has illusory value for others. Materialism, selfishness and

suffering are products of wrong knowledge. If these are on the increase, it is because there are so few who take the trouble to acquire *viveka* or spiritual discernment through the necessary means. The vast majority of human beings unthinkingly accept the values prevalent in their immediate environment and the group to which they belong. But those who enter the Theosophical Society must be as 'new born' and put to use their spiritual faculties.

Materialism arises out of attachment to immediately perceptible objects and doubt or disbelief in that which cannot be grasped and enjoyed in the known and predictable future. Selfish conflict and all kinds of suffering are unavoidable effects of materialistic beliefs. The discerning mind, on the other hand, recognizes the unreal for what it is and obtains insight into that which is of indestructible value. The true members of the Theosophical Society are those whose discriminative faculty is growing in such a way that they can no more adopt the attitudes and pursuits which promote selfishness and conflict. 'Theosophy has to inculcate ethics; it has to purify the soul', as H.P.B. declared.

The strength of our Society depends very much on the capacity of its members to free themselves of selfishness, self-interest and self-preoccupation, because only a purified mind can have access to divine knowledge. Theosophy in the profoundest sense of the term.

This brings us to the question of what kind of study and contemplation is most desirable. Once again, there has to be discrimination, especially since the output of literature and information is continually increasing and time and

energy should not be wasted in acquiring unessential knowledge. Essential knowledge has to do with the essence, the heart of things. It does not pertain merely to forms, but sees forms in relation to the life which animates. It is not a gathering of facts and putting them together; it offers insights into the unitary truth. The mind does not stagnate any more in its perplexities and antipathies. It is lifted to a state of Harmony and Peace. In short, essential knowledge is that which enables a person to live in a totally different way, leaving behind everything which is unreal and ignoble.

The choice lies before every member of the Theosophical Society of occupying himself with thoughts and ideas which leave him where he is, or applying his mind to essential matters and contemplating them in such a way that he becomes a beneficent force in nature.

It is clear that knowing Theosophy should make a Theosophist of a person, as described by H.P.B. in the words quoted above, and which as already mentioned outline the minimum qualifications. If there is no growth of unselfishness and increase of such qualities as love sympathy and harmony, then one has to conclude that what one knows is not Theosophy but something else. The test of real theosophical knowledge is in the quality of living and the nature of the relationships to which it leads.

It is well known that mental concepts and intellectual accomplishments can lead a person astray, because it is so easy to believe that concepts correspond to truth. Pride of a subtle kind often clouds the perception of an individual who has mental grasp. It is important to be aware of this problem while studying the

considerable mass of available theosophical literature. It is not a virtue to be mentally slothful or obtuse. The essence of things is in the depth and cannot be comprehended by a dull mind. Therefore, a fine balance has to be maintained in the journey to truth. The Lord Buddha taught that nobility is in the middle way and not in the extremes, a teaching which has implications that need to be thoroughly probed and understood.

The Theosophical Society aims at gathering together earnest seekers for truth, seekers who ask for truth that it may benefit all and not just themselves. In the lives of such persons, the end cannot be divorced from the means. The approach to truth and knowledge is as important as truth itself. Therefore, everything in daily life has to be related and integrated in a sense of wholeness. It has become commonplace to regard religious activities as separate from the daily processes of the mind and the emotional contacts made with other people and things. But Theosophy cannot be put in a compartment. Theosophical knowledge cannot be divorced from motivations, emotions and subconscious mental movements which exist in a person. All real perceptions and the awareness which comes out of spiritual discernment are of an indivisible nature. When the mind has the tendency to keep its concepts in separate compartments, to divide ends from means, attitudes from goals, and so forth, the light of Theosophy is absent.

We are living in a world full of contradictions. There is much talk of peace and preparation for war. There is progress in technological and other fields and grim poverty and extreme distress in

large parts of the world. There is increase of knowledge along with debasement of values. All this is a reflection on a large scale of an absence of integration in man's mind. When there is real theosophical knowledge, it acts as an antidote to such ills. Otherwise it is not Theosophy.

Being a member of the Theosophical Society involves constant and serious attention to the nature of humanity's suffering and problems and helping the human mind to become free. The average man is hardly concerned with anything other than himself and his own advancement. To learn to be a Theosophist means not to be self-preoccupied and to open wide one's heart and mind.

Not infrequently the question is asked: In which country is the Society working best? Or, is the Theosophical Society successful? It may not be difficult to answer these questions in terms of the number of members or activities in the different Sections of the Society. But such an answer is really unsatisfactory, because the progress and effectiveness of the Society depend more on the level of purity, benevolence and love of truth of its members than on mere numbers and external activities. Probably it is the public which can judge best. If the membership lives up to the lofty ideals which earn the right to be called theosophist, the respect of the public will be gained. But if there is a tendency to talk of noble and elevated things without trying to put them into practice, the public is bound to be indifferent or sceptical.

In presenting the yearly account of work around the world, it is hardly possible to assess the qualitative work and

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the progress made in real terms because they are not measurable. I can only describe events and activities and bring out some salient features of the work in the different Sections and areas, which I shall try to do.

A part of the Theosophical world which receives very few visitors and is handicapped by insufficient communication is Africa.

In West Africa, English-speaking members form part of the West African Federation which held a successful Annual Convention at Accra in Ghana. The organizing secretary, Mr J.O.K. Edusei, his deputy Mr Paul Kwakyi, and Mr Charles Baiden, visited various places. The journal of the Federation has been resuscitated and about 3000 copies of *At the Feet of the Master* have been sold. An attempt is being made to get a headquarters building in Accra. We have been informed that 'there is a wave of inner awakening'. In order to create links with and help the French-speaking members in West Africa, the General Secretary of the French Section, Madame Françoise Caracostea and Madame Danielle Audoin toured the area. The French Section is also most generously organizing a special summer school in Brittany for African members attached to the French Section and aiding them in every possible way to go to France and participate.

Only brief telegraphic comments have been received from the East and Central African Section. South Africa received Miss Ianthe Hoskins as a guest at their Convention, which gave a fillip to their work. Durban Lodge has obtained its own premises and we are told that Cape Town Lodge made 'a wonderful recovery'.

In the American Section, which has 76 Branches and 84 Study Centres, it is planned to bring Theosophy in brief leaflets to a large number of people. They are also preparing three leaflets in Spanish for distribution. Three issues of *The Theosophical Research Journal* have been published. The special issues of *The American Theosophist* have brought in more than 2,400 new subscribers. Audio-visual programmes are being increasingly used for expounding theosophical principles.

The Canadian Section is planning to resuscitate the North American Theosophical Students' Conference which was a successful co-operative programme of the Canadian and American Sections for a few years. The conference will be open to all students of Theosophy, regardless of affiliation. The Section received a visit from Dr C.V. Agarwal, General Secretary of the Indian Section, who lectured and conducted workshops for the Lodges.

In Latin America the numerically largest Section is Brazil. The General Secretary reports that several theosophical books have been published or reprinted and that the income from sales has helped the work of the Section. He visited a number of places in order to discuss the work and give lectures. In Argentina there has been an increase of members. They also use audio-visual means to disseminate Theosophy. Translation of important theosophical books not yet available in Spanish goes on all the time.

Under the auspices of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, a programme was organized in Uruguay which was attended by the President of

the Federation and General Secretaries from several Sections. The report from the Presidential Representative in Venezuela is optimistic. There seems to be more enthusiasm and activity in Caracas. Mr Walter Ballesteros, General Secretary of the Colombian Section, helped the work by making a visit to Caracas. In Peru there are four Lodges which in fact work as one Lodge, because the total number of members is small, but they hope that in the near future there will be an increase of strength. The work in Bolivia has been made difficult by the political condition, strikes and so forth. But the members are carrying on loyally under the direction of Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo, who is the Presidential Representative.

Four books in Spanish, including H.P.B.'s *The Key to Theosophy*, have been reprinted in Mexico. They plan to publish next *Seven Great Religions* by Annie Besant. Attempts are being made to start new Lodges in some towns. The General Secretary for Puerto Rico, Prof. Miguel A. Charneco, was instrumental in organizing a summer school in Puerto Rico, which turned out to be very useful. Members from the Central American countries, Mexico and the United States participated. The American Section has encouraged and aided this project, which brought together workers who would not otherwise have had an opportunity to meet and study together.

The work in all these countries is co-ordinated by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. The Federation has undertaken various publications in Spanish, organizes tours of well-known lecturers in the Latin American countries and also generally encourages the work.

The present President of the Federation is Mr Manuel Farinich.

Rather isolated from the rest of Latin America is Cuba, which has nearly 500 members working in several active Lodges which meet regularly. Study classes and lectures are so organized that every day there is a programme in one or other of the Lodges.

Portugal and Spain together benefited from an Iberian Theosophical Week, which brought nearly one hundred Spanish members to Portugal. Both these countries received for the first time a visit from an International President in office. Spain reports that a small department of publications has been established by one of its Branches. Attempts are being made to spread Theosophy more widely throughout the country.

Italy is one of the Sections where membership has been steadily growing. In the last decade, the Section's journal has also been going to an ever wider public. Lodges in Rome, Genoa, Milan and Trieste have acquired their own premises since the Section at last became a legal entity. During the last twelve years, 27 books were published in Italian; the latest publications being the fourth volume of *The Secret Doctrine* and Annie Besant's *Karma* and *The Fundamental Laws of Theosophy*.

Poitiers in France was the venue of the European Congress, which was attended by about three hundred members from Europe and also from the French-speaking part of Canada. Work goes on steadily in the Section, and the General Secretary, with an enthusiastic band of colleagues, has been active in bringing out publications and doing everything to stimulate the work.

In Belgium, also, a small band of devoted workers is doing its best to keep the flame of Theosophy alight. Here as well as in Switzerland the membership is small but there is the hope that a new impetus will bring greater strength.

Iceland is one of the Scandinavian group of countries, but isolated to a large extent from the rest of Europe by distance. However, the Society in this country has earned the attention and respect of the public by the quality of its programmes. The magazine of the Section goes out to more than two thousand persons. I had the great pleasure of visiting the Section for the first time and coming to know the members and the work personally.

In Denmark, C.W. Leadbeater's *The Astral Plane, Invisible Helpers* and *A Textbook of Theosophy* as well as Geoffrey Barborka's *The Divine Plan* were published. Lectures and other programmes are going on. It is reported that in Norway there is increasing interest among younger persons. The Norwegian Theosophical Publishing House was re-established and its work began with *At the Feet of the Master*. The summer school in Sweden turned into a gathering of Scandinavian members because of the number who came from Denmark and Norway. Seven Swedish members attended the European School of Theosophy. The Finnish Section is an active one, which maintains contacts with other suitable organizations. The summer house of the Finnish Section, named Kreivila, has become a gathering-place for many different kinds of work allied to that of the Society.

The General Secretary of the Netherlands Section reports that a two-

years' training course was started in September 1983, with about 25 members. This was continued in 1984. Among publications being prepared is the *Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine*. In the German Section, a theosophical library for children and young people was started. The General Secretary, Mrs Eva Maas, reports that the main thrust of the work was directed to the younger generation. Every year a summer school is held. In Austria, one of the important activities has been publication work, which is done by Adyar Verlag. In 1984, a second German edition of the *Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* was brought out.

Many problems have beset the theosophical work in Yugoslavia because the erstwhile officers of the Section acted in unconstitutional and inappropriate ways more than once and an undesirable influence was exerted in favour of another organization, which created a split among the members. The General Council resolved to take firm action. Accordingly, some Lodges were dissolved and the remaining ones constitute the present Section. There is every hope that in the future the work will be carried on more in consonance with the character of the Society and the real nature of its aims and objectives.

In the English Section the national dues were raised, and perhaps because of that, there was a fall in membership. At the London Headquarters a variety of programmes takes place throughout each week. In the Tekels Park Estate also a number of seminars and workshops were organized. The Theosophical Publishing House has again had a successful year. Apart from reprints, they brought out a

compilation of articles by P.G. Bowen. The General Secretary writes: 'Our broad policy in the English Section remains the advancement of Theosophy in an eclectic and up-to-date way, hoping that many of those who attend our fringe activities will take up the deep study of H.P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, Krishnamurti and others who have created the main stream of Theosophical thought since the Society's foundation in 1875.'

Mrs Margaret Senior was appointed Presidential Representative for Scotland earlier this year because there was no duly elected General Secretary for some time. Various adjustments have to be made as a consequence, but it is hoped that it will not be too long before the work can be reorganized and that there will be the necessary basis for the Section to resume its existence. The passing away of Mrs Pape removed from the Scottish scene a devoted member, who joined the Society in 1909. In Northern Ireland the number of members attending meetings is said to be on the increase. Some members attended the regional summer school at Ripon in England. In Dublin, a new set of officers has taken charge after a long period of difficulty, partly caused by the previous General Secretary becoming resident in a different continent. Perhaps now there will be a fresh impetus and Theosophy will spread outside Dublin into the rest of the Republic of Ireland.

The Australian General Secretary reports that the past year 'reflected an active and stable year'. A new Lodge and group were inaugurated in Queensland. As the result of a science seminar held at the Manor Centre in Sydney, a Theosophy Science Group was started with Dr Hugh Murdoch as convener. The

first Newsletter was issued in August 1984. The New Zealand Section received a fine collection of books as a bequest from Mr Geoffrey Hodson. As reported by me last year, in this Section they use a variety of means to carry Theosophy to the public. The magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand*, the cassette library, films and so forth, kept up the membership level which now stands at 1,559.

Conditions have been difficult in the Philippines, but plans have been made to disseminate Theosophy more widely and give intensive training to workers. The Board of the Section decided to start a Theosophical Foundation in order to provide the Society's work with a sure financial base.

The General Secretary of the Indonesian Section reports that they have published a translation of H.P.B.'s *Practical Occultism*. They have a total of twelve books in translation. A new project was the organization of a training session which was held in East Java and was conducted by Mr Soejatno, former General Secretary. In Burma and Sri Lanka the work is being carried on as usual. Sri Lanka has eight Lodges with varied programmes.

Dr C.V. Agarwal, General Secretary of the Indian Section, has made plans to have a Department of Studies at the Headquarters in Varanasi. He reports the publication of several books in regional languages. At long last, a property in dispute in the capital city of Delhi came into the possession of the Section, providing a suitable centre of activity for this important city. The Section proposes to celebrate its Centenary in 1990.

In 1883, the Mahatma K.H. wrote about how deeply 'his poor people',

namely Indians, had sunk. 'As one who watches the signs of fluttering life beside a dying bed, and counts the feeble breaths to learn if there may still be room for hope, so we Aryan exiles in our snowy retreat have been attentive to this issue', he said. 'The word Patriotism has now scarcely any electric power over the Indian heart. The "Cradle Land of Arts and Creeds" swarms with unhappy beings, precariously provided for, and vexed by demagogues who have everything to gain by chicane and impudence. ... If it be permissible to symbolize things subjective by phenomena objective, I should say that to the psychic sight India seems covered with a stifling grey fog—the odic emanation from her vicious social state. Here and there twinkles a point of light which marks a nature still somewhat spiritual, a person who aspires and struggles after the higher knowledge. If the beacon of Aryan occultism shall ever be kindled again, these scattered sparks must be combined to make its flame. And this is the task of the T.S.'

Though a hundred years have passed since this was written, the condition of India and the task of the T.S. in India remain the same. The Asoka Chakra movement and later the New Life for India movement were started under the inspiration of our former Presidents, Jinarajadasa and Sri Ram, for the purpose of lifting the moral gloom which lies over India. The response to these initiatives has been apathetic. The call before the members of the Indian Section is clear and urgent. As the Section nears its centenary, it has the opportunity to make a new and dynamic effort.

I am glad to say that a new Lodge has

been formed in Japan in addition to the one which already existed in Tokyo. A charter has also been given for a new Lodge in Korea. Such Lodges in theosophically isolated areas are of course a possible nucleus for wider work in the future.

The World Theosophical Youth Federation is still very much concentrated in Brazil where it works through six youth groups. The youth groups try to meet young people's needs and problems and take the help of older members in this work.

This year I made an extensive tour of the European Sections for more than three and a half months, speaking at a number of summer schools and also to the public. Visits to countries such as Iceland, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Yugoslavia, where I had not been in personal contact before, were most useful. The devotion of members was evidenced by the long distances they travelled, sacrificing their holidays in order that we could meet and discuss various aspects of the work.

Both the Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, and I took every opportunity of supporting the work in the Indian Section by our travels. Miss Joy Mills lectured in Australia and New Zealand and was received, as usual, with much appreciation. Mrs Seetha Neelakantan lectured through South and Central America and then spent a considerable period of time in lecturing for the Krotona Centre in California and the American Section. Miss Ianthe Hoskins paid a visit to South Africa as already mentioned earlier.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active in many countries. It is not possible to report here in detail the

various activities of the Order all over the world, but the information is available for those who seek it. Mr C. Seshadri, who is the International Secretary of the T.O.S., issues a newsletter periodically. I appeal to members everywhere to give their full support to the T.O.S., seeing that there is widespread distress everywhere. The latest and most tragic example is the famine in Africa which has led to the death of millions. Even though there may not be such extreme need elsewhere, the suffering that people and animals endure is enormous and the more fortunate among us must do whatever little we can to relieve such suffering.

Work at the International Headquarters has been progressing well. I am glad to report that there has been considerable improvement in the productivity of the garden. We have again given special attention to the great Banyan tree. It has been richly manured and protected against fungus and insects. On the advice of an expert from the Botanical Survey of India in Calcutta, numerous new roots have been propagated which will eventually add to the nourishment and strength of the tree.

In connection with the garden, I report the passing of Mr N. Yagnesvara Sastry who was Adviser and Honorary Superintendent of the Garden for many years. His great love of plants and botanical knowledge distinguished him among those who were in charge of the garden. A memorial for him exists in the form of the many rare trees he planted here.

The programme of building walls to protect our boundaries went on throughout the year. It is interesting to note that about a century ago the report

of the Society mentions the need to build walls. With a little more effort we will have walls on every side of the estate. The next step will be to plant thorny shrubs next to the walls within the compound to make it even more forbidding for anyone to jump in. These measures are necessary to reduce theft of garden produce and protect the trees and other vegetation from being cut down by those who collect wood. Many of our buildings have been infested by termites whose voracious appetite for wood affects rafters, beams and doors and endangers the structure itself. Therefore anti-termite treatment on a large scale was undertaken, costly though it was. This, and certain other essential measures to protect buildings, accounts for increased expenditure on maintenance.

Madras city along with the coastal area of south-eastern India was battered by two cyclones this year, the first one of which was unusually violent, with wind-speeds mounting from 150 to 180 kms per hour. Our estate lost more than one hundred coconut palms and very many other trees as well. A long stretch of boundary wall built in the old days was also knocked down. It will be some time before all the debris is cleared and repairs made.

A number of books have been brought out by the T.P.H. recently with a more attractive design than before. It is part of the programme of T.P.H. to try and increase sales by giving the publications a better appearance. During the coming year some new titles will be forthcoming. The co-operation and increased efficiency of the Vasanta Press has had much part in the effort to improve T.P.H. productions. we are glad to have on the staff of the

Press Mr B.K. Rao, an experienced printing specialist.

The Adyar Library and Research Centre is approaching its centenary and various programmes leading up to that event in 1986 are being planned. The Director of the Library, Dr K. Kunjnni Raja, toured and lectured in various Indological centres in Scandinavia. With much regret we report the sudden demise of Dr A.G. Krishna Warriar, an outstanding scholar who was resident at Adyar and doing honorary work in the Library. However, the Library enjoys the benefit of having two other scholars, Dr E.R. Sreekrishna Sarma and Dr K.V. Sarma, whose help we much appreciate.

As usual, there were two sessions of the Centre of Studies this year. During the first session, the Ven. Prof. Rinpoche gave a well-attended course on select verses from the *Dhammapada*. Another course was given by me on *The Voice of the Silence*. Studies of some themes from *The Secret Doctrine* took place under the guidance of Mrs Seetha Neelakantan. Mr Rohit Mehta was the Director of the second session of the Centre. During this period, a larger number of students, including one from Sweden, received scholarships. The main theme was Theosophy as the basis of Yoga-Psychology. A special feature of this session was the number of extramural lectures open to the public which took place in the hall.

Last year the General Council decided that the separate piece of land owned by the Society adjacent to the main gate should be used for social work. On May 8th, White Lotus Day, a Social Welfare Centre was inaugurated in that place. It integrates the Child Welfare Centre of the

Society and the varied activities of the Olcott Welfare Society started by the late Dr Jean Raymond. We hope that this small beginning will grow into a fine institution for serving the large number of poor people in the surrounding areas. Volunteers and funds are, of course, needed.

There have been very few changes in the Headquarters staff. Mr Sabry El-Hakim, whose excellent work as Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers was appreciated by everyone, had unfortunately to go back to Cairo for family reasons. Since then, Miss Dara Kobor has been shouldering the responsibility. Very recently Mr S.N. Muni Rao has taken charge of the H.P.B. Hostel. The Headquarters still needs a few technically qualified volunteer workers, including a horticulturist and members capable of assisting the Superintendent of the Maintenance Department.

Our Headquarters was host for the inauguration of the Environmental Society of Madras in the first part of this year. I have been associated with the environmental work as President of the Environmental Society. In the short time in which it has existed, it has several achievements to its credit mainly because of the dynamism of its secretary, Mrs Prema Srinivasan. With their awareness of the interlinked and unitary nature of life, members of the Theosophical Society cannot but take interest in environmental protection.

The task of the Theosophical Society is not confined to just one plane of existence, physical, mental, moral or spiritual. Our Society is concerned with the progress of man at all levels. In fact

all levels of existence form part of one being. Any spiritual progress we make has its impact on how we act at other levels, from the physical to the mental and intellectual, for spiritual consciousness is compassionate and wise living. Indifference to what exists and takes place at the physical level, and impurity at the emotional and mental level, are

incompatible with spiritual consciousness. The unitary view of life not only implies indivisibility of all that exists on any plane, but also the oneness of all the levels or planes of existence. Theosophy is the realization of that absolute Oneness.

RADHA BURNIER

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1984

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting this report on the accounts and finances of the Society for the year ended 30th September 1984.

I am glad to say that compared to last year there is only a marginal increase of Rs. 19,067 in the overall deficit. The net excess of expenditure over income in the departments, in the aggregate shows an increase of Rs. 237,163, which is due to increased attention given to the maintenance of the Estate. The overall expenditure excluding the departmental expenditure is up by Rs. 221,074, which to some extent is represented by increase in security measures. But as interest on investments has increased by Rs. 339,258, the overall result is satisfactory.

DEPARTMENTAL RESULTS:

1. Adyar Library: The publication account shows a deficit of Rs. 11,405 as against Rs. 25,984 in the preceding year. The overall net expenditure is up by Rs. 35,471. This is mostly due to increase in the expenditure on the maintenance of air-conditioning equipment and depreciation on assets other than books. During the year under report, in order to meet the needs of the Library, a Minolta Copier was purchased for Rs. 128,310 for which a grant of Rs. 80,000 was received from the Government of India.

2. Bhojanasala:

(a) Boarding: The net deficit is down by Rs. 5,019

(b) Lodging: The net surplus is down by Rs. 3,355

3. Garden Department: Due to large scale manuring done last year the yield from coconuts has gone up by Rs. 53,626. Cashewnuts and tamarind have respectively given an increased yield of Rs. 22,871 and Rs. 19,386. The overall gross return from cultivation has gone up by Rs. 105,535. The expenditure on General Maintenance is up by Rs. 36,419. The fluctuations in establishment and other expenditure have been within reasonable limits. The overall deficit has come down to Rs. 11,420 as against Rs. 56,439 in the previous year. There is thus an appreciable improvement in the performance of the Garden Department.

4. Leadbeater Chambers:

(a) Boarding: The net deficit is up by Rs. 3,711

(b) Lodging: The net surplus is down by Rs. 2,323

5. Maintenance Department:

The net expenditure on electricity consumption has gone up by Rs. 25,500 which is due to increase in tariff effective from June 1984 and increased use of electricity for street lighting etc. which was restricted last year because of the electricity cut. The establishment and other expenses have increased by Rs. 13,142. There has been some increase in the expenditure on the maintenance of boundaries, street lights etc. due to the increase in the cost of material and labour.

The buildings damaged by white ants had to be given anti-termite treatment. This had not been done for a number of years in the past. The expenditure on this item incurred up to the end of September 1984 came to Rs. 61,044. Extensive repairs costing Rs. 49,762 had to be done to the buildings where the Olcott Memorial High School is located. Substantial repairs had also to be done to the other buildings. This additional expenditure, which could not be foreseen, but all the same was very much needed, came to Rs. 181,105. The overall net expenditure on the maintenance of the Estate went up by Rs. 245,873.

6. The Theosophical Publishing House:

(a) The Theosophist:

The expenditure is up by Rs. 35,018, mainly because of increased printing and postage charges. The income is down by Rs. 6,201. The overall deficit is up by Rs. 41,219.

(b) The Adyar Newsletter:

The income is nearly the same as last year. The expenditure has gone down by Rs. 10,175. There is thus a net surplus of Rs. 3,431 as against a deficit of Rs. 7,109 in the previous year.

(c) The Theosophical Publishing House:

The sale proceeds have gone down by Rs. 210,697. Last year the sales were unusually high because of a bulk supply of The Secret Doctrine. The drop in sales this year was to some extent also due to requisite stocks not being available. The publication expenses have gone down by Rs. 70,322. The purchase of books, incense sticks, stationery etc. is less by Rs. 25,999. The royalty receipts have

gone up by Rs. 44,312. The net income comes to Rs. 151,958 this year as against Rs. 180,993 last year.

7. Vasanta Press: The Production surplus is up by Rs. 26,752. The expenses, including depreciation, have been nearly the same as last year. An income of Rs. 16,943 was received by the sale of scrap. The overall deficit is down by Rs. 43,772.

8. Capital Expenditure: Construction of the compound wall was continued and an expenditure of Rs. 620,909 incurred during the year. The expenditure on new buildings in Damodar Gardens, which has been met from specific donations received for that purpose, came to Rs. 1,554,128 as on 30.9.84. The other main items of capital expenditure are as follows:

Minolta Copier (Adyar Library)	Rs. 128,310
Bullock-carts (Garden Department)	Rs. 7,200
Generator (Rewinding & Re-conditioning)	Rs. 14,682
Tools & Equipment (Maintenance)	Rs. 5,854
Tools & Equipment (Vasanta Press)	Rs. 5,997
Cots for Convention	Rs. 37,844

BALANCE SHEET:

1. General Fund:

The General Fund has increased by the transfer of the following:

Donations received for the construction of new buildings in the Damodar Gardens	Rs. 687,299
T.P.H. Investment Fund	Rs. 505,000

Increase in the value of shares of American General Corporation, U.S.A.	Rs. 4,110
Government grant for the purchase of Minolta Copier	Rs. 80,000
Other Transfers	Rs. 37,844

After adjusting the excess of expenditure over income for the year, the General Fund stood at Rs. 8,672,310 as on 30.9.84 as against Rs. 7,452,385 as at end of the previous year.

2. Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund:

The A.B.C. Fund has increased by the following:

Estate of Ella Meier	Rs. 66,499
Estate of J.R.E. Bennett	Rs. 482,803
Estate of Jean McNair	Rs. 89,339
Estate of Emma Rebsamen, Geneva	Rs. 243,902
Incentive received from the share brokers on investments in Public Sector Companies	Rs. 10,500
Donation from Sundaram Educational Trust	Rs. 10,000
Donation from Mary Anderson	Rs. 14,310
Other Donations	Rs. 38,479
	<hr/> Rs. 955,832 <hr/>

For the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund, we have received donations to the tune of Rs. 6,583 during the year.

The total of these two funds put together stood at Rs. 6,487,103 as on 30.9.84 as against Rs. 5,524,688 at the end of the previous year.

3. Miscellaneous Funds :

(a) The Adyar Estate Improvement Fund which stood at Rs. 664,005 in the previous year has increased by the following:

Donation from T.S. in America	Rs. 53,812
Estate of Sri R.V. Bhav Sanghi	Rs. 10,000
Donation from a friend	Rs. 50,000
Donation from T.S. in France	Rs. 7,001
Donation from T.S. in England	Rs. 2,438
Allocation from Adyar Day Collections	Rs. 18,570
Provision made for building maintenance	Rs. 50,000
Other Donations	Rs. 14,324
	<hr/> Rs. 206,145 <hr/>

After meeting the expenses on laying underground telephone cables and some building repairs amounting to Rs. 74,153, the balance available in this fund as on 30.9.84 is Rs. 795,997.

(b) **Colombian Section Saul Gomez Fund :** A fund has been created in the above name with a donation of Rs. 86,092 received from the Colombian Section. From the interest earned on this investment, fees and dues of the Colombian Section and subscription for the Theosophist of members of that Section are to be adjusted and the balance of income is to be used for improvement of the Adyar Estate.

(c) **International Centre of Theosophical Studies (Scholarship Capital Fund :** A special fund has been created

in the above name with a nucleus of Rs. 35,000. The interest earned on the investment of this fund is to be used for the payment of scholarships to some of the members who come to attend the courses of study conducted by this Centre.

4. Kotagiri Properties: As mentioned in last year's report the properties were agreed to be sold to Sree Krishna Educational Foundation for Rs. 650,000 out of which an advance of Rs. 65,000 was received last year. The balance of Rs. 585,000 was received in this year, and the properties have been handed over to them pending execution of a sale deed.

5. Investments: The long-term bank deposits which stood at Rs. 3,981,900 have increased to Rs. 4,550,992. The deposits in the Public Sector Companies which stood at Rs. 2,700,000 in the previous year have increased to Rs. 3,755,000. The total long-term investments stood at Rs. 8,305,992 as on 30-9-84 as against Rs. 6,681,900 in the previous year.

Taking all factors into account, the overall position of the finances of the Society is satisfactory.

(Miss) T JIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

I. ADYAR BESSANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1984

Amount	Particulars	Rs.
100,000	1. 11% Bank of India, Madras, Deposits	100,000
100,000	2. 10% Bank of Bengal, Madras, Deposits	100,000
130,000	3. 10% Punjab National Bank, Madras, Deposits	130,000
252,000	4. 10% Canadys Bank, Madras, Deposits	252,000
60,000	5. 10% Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Bank, Deposits	60,000
75,000	6. 10% Madras Co-operative Bank, Deposits	75,000
20,000	7. 9% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	20,000
1,17,000	8. 10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,17,000
89,000	9. 11% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	89,000
100,000	10. 14% Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Deposits	100,000
2,000	11. 14% Steel Authority of India Ltd., Deposits	2,000
300,000	12. 14% Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Deposits	300,000
310,000	13. 14% Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Deposits	310,000
50,000	14. 14% Bharat Electronics Limited, Deposits	50,000
50,000	15. 14% Cement Corporation of India Ltd., Deposits	50,000
40,000	16. 14% Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Deposits	40,000
4,000	17. 12% Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Debenture Stock	4,000
2,038,000		2,038,000

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

400,000	1. 10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	400,000
146,000	2. 11% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	146,000
130,000	3. 10% Canadys Bank, Madras, Deposits	130,000
136,000		136,000

I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i> Rs.
1.	11 % Bank of India, Madras, Deposit	100,000
2.	10 % Bank of Baroda, Madras, Deposit	100,000
3.	10 % Punjab National Bank, Madras Deposit	150,000
4.	10 % Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	252,000
5.	10½ % Tamilnadu State Co-operative Bank, Deposits	80,000
6.	10½ % Madras Central Co-operative Bank, Deposits	75,000
7.	9 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	20,000
8.	10 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,167,000
9.	11 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	899,000
10.	14½ % Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Deposits	500,000
11.	14½ % Steel Authority of India Ltd., Deposits	500,000
12.	14½ % Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Deposit	300,000
13.	14½ % Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Deposits	310,000
14.	14½ % Bharat Electronics Limited, Deposit	300,000
15.	14½ % Cement Corporation of India Ltd., Deposits	500,000
16.	14½ % Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Deposit	400,000
17.	4 % Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Debenture Stock	45,000
		<hr/> 5,698,000 <hr/>

II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1.	10 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	408,000
2.	11 % Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	148,000
3.	10 % Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposits	230,000
		<hr/> 786,000 <hr/>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1984

	1982-83	1983-84
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	1,510	5,556
" Australia	41,806	—
" Austria	3,128	2,800
" Belgium	3,364	5,326
" Brazil	—	4,592
" Canada	2,445	2,582
" Canadian Federation	479	576
" Central America	1,002	1,257
" Chile	2,081	2,459
" Colombia	371	679
" Denmark	4,562	—
" East & Central Africa	1,491	—
" England	—	19,034
" Finland	4,133	4,296
" France	12,420	17,459
" Germany	3,810	4,589
" Iceland	1,374	1,997
" India	20,884	—
" Indonesia	—	2,059
" Italy	—	16,374
" Mexico	3,000	—
" New Zealand	6,446	6,215
" Norway	375	1,437
" Philippines	—	2,120
" Portugal	—	500
" Puerto Rico	4,191	2,816
" Southern Africa	550	2,787
" Spain	3,287	464
" Sweden	1,641	—
" Switzerland	1,591	3,568
" U.S.A.	—	*131,414
" Wales	377	359
" West Africa	1,413	—
" Yugoslavia	—	354
Lodges attached to Adyar	1,259	3,270
Fellows at large	820	608
	<hr/> 129,810 <hr/>	<hr/> 247,547 <hr/>

*Includes Rs. 66,264, Dues of 1982-83

THE THEOSOPHICAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	-126,245		-161,716	
Bhojanasala ...	-19,260		-14,241	
Garden Department ...	-56,439		-11,420	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	—		-20,594	
Maintenance Department ...	-211,042		-456,915	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+180,993		+151,958	
Vasanta Press ...	-125,946		-82,174	
		357,939		595,102
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Contribution to Schools ...	15,000		38,000	
Child Welfare Centre ...	9,847		10,238	
Circulars to Gen. Secretaries ...	2,565		3,707	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,074		2,573	
Dispensary ...	18,139		17,098	
Deepavali Gift ...	—		16,001	
Estate Management ...	16,345		19,309	
Fire Insurance ...	1,703		3,607	
Headquarters Department ...	20,346		21,264	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	3,601		2,726	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	415		514	
Interest on Funds ...	6,715		7,113	
International Offices ...	73,424		67,668	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	5,261		4,513	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	2,918		3,256	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	9,575		9,285	
Miscellaneous ...	2,923		12,707	
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	14,718		9,018	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	28,463		30,964	
Museum and Archives ...	1,786		3,733	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	15,689		19,281	
Printing and Stationery ...	13,722		41,598	
P.F. Administration ...	1,535		1,905	
Retirement Allowance ...	26,523		48,998	
Sanitary Department ...	13,492		12,058	
Security Department ...	168,492		238,480	
Taxes ...	33,550		41,979	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,777		2,851	
		511,598		690,444
Provisions:				
For Gratuity ...	9,024		11,893	
For Building Maintenance ...	50,000		50,000	
		59,024		61,893
Depreciation:				
On Kotagiri Property ...	3,405		—	
On Immovable Property ...	97,912		136,936	
On Adyar Library Building ...	19,502		19,502	
On Film Projector, Air conditioner and Tape Recorder ...	3,219		2,578	
On Motor Vehicles ...	2,806		3,045	
On Movable Properties ...	8,885		14,027	
		136,729		176,088
		1,065,290		1,523,527

ADYAR

19th November, 1984

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

(Miss) TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer

SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1984

INCOME						PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
						Rs.	Rs.
Donations	...	...	...	...	...	53,369	31,815
Fees and Dues	...	...	...	...	...	129,813	247,546
Interest	...	...	...	...	...	646,292	985,530
Licence Fee	...	...	...	...	...	36,000	36,000
Overhead Charges	...	...	...	...	...	10,411	11,716
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)				...	...	114,144	116,592
Excess of Expenditure over Income				...	...	75,261	94,328
						1,065,290	1,523,527

Examined and found correct.
FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN F.C.A., Partner

BALANCE SHEET AS ON

LIABILITIES	30th September 1983		30th September 1984	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
General Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	6,615,005		7,452,385	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
Donations for Damodar Garden Buildings ...	802,408		687,299	
Donations Others ...	4,347		—	
Reversal of Depreciation (Books of Adyar Library) ...	107,676		—	
Sikh Temple Fund-Transfer ...	27,927		—	
Jewish Temple Fund-Transfer ...	11,281		—	
Value of Books & Furniture for Adyar Library Purchased from Govt. Grants ...	14,000		—	
T.P.H. Investments Fund-Transfer ...	—		505,000	
Other Transfers ...	2,502		37,844	
Increase in the value of Shares of American General Corporation, U.S.A. ...	—		4,110	
Government Grant for purchase of Minolta Copier-Transfer ...	—		80,000	
	7,585,146		8,766,638	
Less: Transfer to T.P.H. Building Fund ...	50,000		—	
	7,535,146		8,766,638	
Adjustment in Foreign Securities for fall in Exchange rates ...	7,500		—	
	7,527,646		8,766,638	
Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	75,261		94,328	
		7,452,385		8,672,310
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)	4,743,452		5,699,284	
John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund (b)	781,236		787,819	
		5,524,688		6,487,103
President's Travelling Fund: ...		43,377		58,448
Vice-President's Travelling Fund: ...		12,622		10,473
C/o		13,033,072		15,228,334

SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

30th SEPTEMBER 1984

ASSETS	30th September 1983		30th September 1984	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
FIXED ASSETS:				
Immovable Properties: (At Cost) ...		184,735		184,735
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,366,115		3,415,494	
Additions ...	49,379		1,540,593	
	3,415,494		4,956,487	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	1,417,912	1,995,302	1,554,128	3,402,359
Buildings (Damodar Gardens) ...		802,408		
Adyar Library Building (At Cost) ...	780,070		780,070	
Less: Depreciation (to date) ...	273,865	506,205	293,367	486,703
Buildings at Kotagiri:				
(Gulistan, Rosewindows & High Cliff) ...		101,153		101,153
Compound Wall ...		352,374		973,283
Movable Properties at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures, etc. (At Cost)	254,738		257,313	
Additions ...	2,575		43,160	
	257,313		300,473	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	206,960	50,353	220,987	79,486
Motor Cars (At Cost) ...	158,386		158,386	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	143,162	15,224	146,207	12,179
Investments: (At Cost)				
Government of India Bonds ...	6,300		6,300	
Fixed Deposits ...	7,516,900		8,810,992	
Foreign Investments ...	333,433		337,543	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	105,818	7,962,451	105,818	9,260,653
DEPARTMENTAL ASSETS:				
Adyar Library:				
Fixed Assets ...	328,528		427,118	
Current Assets ...	336,983	665,511	416,216	843,334
Bhojanasala:				
Fixed Assets ...	9,469		8,460	
Current Assets ...	2,395	11,864	2,267	10,727
Garden:				
Fixed Assets ...	101,285		45,446	
Current Assets ...	26,168	127,453	107,106	152,552
C/o		12,778,033		15,507,164

THE THEOSOPHICAL

BALANCE SHEET AS ON

LIABILITIES		30th September 1983		30th September 1984	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		13,033,072		15,228,334
Other Funds: (See Notes Below)					
Miscellaneous Funds (a)	...		790,182		924,059
Miscellaneous Funds (c)	...		744,286		1,099,130
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:					
Immovable Property at Juhu	...	27,000		26,000	
Miscellaneous Funds	...	18,804		25,236	
Government Grants	...	149,936		64,342	
Gratuity Reserve	...	21,948		21,043	
Sundry Creditors	...	11,490		9,939	
			229,178		146,560
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:					
Reserves	...	399,030		393,904	
T.P.H. Investments Fund	...	615,000			
			1,014,030		393,904
T.P.H. Sundry Creditors	...		297,024		344,071
Gratuity Reserve	...		248,406		224,119
Casuarina Development Scheme	..		55,262		75,522
Sundry Creditors:					
Departments	...	56,578		18,877	
Others	...	142,063		307,219	
			198,641		326,096
Sundry Deposits	...		207,326		817,564
Outstanding Liability	...		7,500		8,685
Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.					
(b) Interest only available for general purposes.					
(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.					
			16,824,907		19,588,044

ADYAR
19th November, 1984

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(Miss) TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

30th SEPTEMBER 1984 (Contd.)

ASSETS	30th September 1983		30th September 1984	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...	12,778,033	...	15,507,164
Leadbeater Chambers:				
Fixed Assets	20,292		23,479	
Current Assets	1,488		4,580	
		21,780		28,059
Maintenance Department:				
Fixed Assets	164,362		169,385	
Current Assets	215,973		185,215	
		380,335		354,600
Theosophical Publishing House:				
Fixed Assets	22,308		23,739	
Current Assets	1,684,957		1,891,478	
		1,707,265		1,915,217
Vasanta Press:				
Fixed Assets	867,741		754,270	
Current Assets	328,391		296,925	
		1,196,132		1,051,195
Other Departments (Dispensary, Sanitary, etc.)				
Fixed Assets	18,233		15,780	
Current Assets	345		470	
		18,578		16,250
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Interest accrued but not received	...	129,133	...	122,446
Sundry Assets	...	48,506	...	34,723
Loans and Advances	...	54,814	...	50,832
Outstanding Income	...	4,276	...	4,276
Outstanding Fees & Dues	...	34,415	...	...
Security Deposit	...	3,650	...	4,650
Gratuity Advance	...	18,735	...	12,794
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	...
(Considered good by Management)	...	25,697	...	42,638
Prepaid Expenses	...	5,887	...	9,742
Cash & Bank Balances:				
In Madras Banks on Current Account & Savings accounts	...	376,176	...	410,808
In London Bank on Current Account	...	11,073	...	11,273
On hand	...	10,422	...	11,377
		16,824,907		19,588,044

Examined and found correct.

FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR 1984-85

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1983-84	Budget for 1984-85	INCOME	Actuals for 1983-84	Budget for 1984-85
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Special Departments:			Special Departments:		
Adyar Library ...	185,256	200,700	Adyar Library ...	23,540	28,500
Bhojanasala ...	62,991	70,200	Bhojanasala ...	48,750	54,000
Garden Department ...	196,391	205,400	Garden Department ...	184,971	206,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	54,844	54,800	Leadbeater Chambers ...	34,250	40,000
Maintenance Dept. ...	646,465	618,850	Maintenance Department... ..	189,550	193,700
Theosophical Pub- lishing House ...	256,700	251,750	Theosophical Publishing House ...	408,658	566,200
The Theosophist ...	156,378	157,700	The Theosophist ...	100,146	117,500
Vasanta Press ...	274,291	326,100	Vasanta Press ...	192,117	156,400
International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	6,069	10,000	International Centre of Theosophical Studies ...	1,556	—
Adyar Newsletter ...	10,249	11,000	Adyar Newsletter ...	13,680	14,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	10,238	10,000	Donations ...	31,815	30,000
Circulars etc. to General Secretaries ...	3,707	4,000	Fees and Dues ...	247,546	180,000
Contribution to Olcott Schools ...	38,000	30,000	Interest (Gross) ...	985,530	1,000,000
Deepavali Gift ...	16,001	18,000	Licence Fee ...	36,000	36,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,573	2,800	Overhead charges ...	11,716	10,000
Dispensary ...	17,098	20,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	116,592	100,000
Estate Management ...	19,309	20,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	94,328	84,800
Fire Insurance ...	3,607	4,000	Add: Deficit on the Theosophist taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	56,232	40,000
Headquarters Department Information and Public Relations Department ...	21,264	23,000			
Insurance Fund Administration ...	2,726	3,000			
International Offices ...	514	600			
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	67,668	73,000			
Kotagiri Properties Maintenance ...	7,113	7,000			
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	3,256	—			
Miscellaneous ...	9,285	10,000			
Motor Cars Maintenance ...	12,707	12,000			
Movable Properties Dept. ...	9,018	10,000			
Museum and Archives ...	30,964	32,000			
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	3,733	7,000			
Printing and Stationery ...	19,281	20,000			
P.F. Administration ...	41,598	25,000			
Retirement Allowance ...	1,905	2,500			
Sanitary Department ...	48,998	30,000			
Security Department ...	12,058	14,000			
Taxes ...	238,480	250,000			
Travelling & Conveyance ...	41,979	42,000			
	2,851	3,000			
Provisions: For Gratuity ...	11,893	15,000			
For Building Maintenance ...	50,000	80,000			
Depreciation on Assets ...	176,088	180,000			
Surplus on the Adyar Newsletter taken direct to T. P. H. Balance Sheet ...	3,431	3,000			
	2,776,977	2,857,400		2,776,977	2,857,400

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

Reprints, with attractive new designs, of the two major books, *Annie Besant—An Autobiography* and *The Masters and the Path* by C. W. Leadbeater, were put on the market for sale and the response has been very good. We are now again reprinting 1,000 more copies of the *Autobiography* and 2,000 copies of *The Masters and the Path*.

This year we have reprinted, *Sri Ramachandra, Man and His Bodies*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, *Revelation, Inspiration and Observation*, *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture*, all by Dr Annie Besant; *The Necessity for Reincarnation* and *Vegetarianism and Occultism* by C. W. Leadbeater; *O Hidden Life* by Joy Mills, *Daily Meditations* by K. A. Beechey; and *Dhammapada* in English only, Pali in Roman with English translation, and Pali in Devanagari with English translation by C. Kunhan Raja.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Mani Ze Sait and Miss Subha Nilakanta for their great help with art designs for our books published during the year which have been much appreciated resulting in better sales.

Our thanks are due to the Adyar Bookshop of the Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney (Australia) for their donation to reprint Mr C. Jinarajadasa's *Flowers and Gardens*, *The Wonder Child*, and *Release*.

We have at present thirty more titles which are in various stages of printing and we hope these will all be ready by the end of 1985. Some of the titles under print are: *Dreams*, *Devachanic Plane*, *Medi-*

tations on the Path and its Qualifications, *Kundalini*, *Concentration*, *Golden Rules of Buddhism*, *Seven Great Religions*, *The Noble Eight-Fold Path*, *Ultimate Reality and Self-Realization*, *In the Outer Court*, *The Eternal Light* and *The Hidden Side of Things*.

Due to increased cost of printing and postage, *The Theosophist* incurred a huge deficit during the year. In order to meet at least part of the deficit we are constrained to raise the subscription. In order to build up a permanent fund for *The Theosophist* we are instituting a Life Subscription which we hope will meet with generous response. Sections are requested to encourage lodges and individuals to subscribe to this journal. Compared to the total membership, the subscribers are not many and many of the lodges do not subscribe to the Magazine.

Our thanks are due to the Patnaik Brothers, Mr J. K. Patnaik and Mr B. K. Patnaik, for their very generous donations towards the Book Gift Fund.

Book sales have been satisfactory and in order to increase the sales further, action has been initiated for better sales promotion and publicity.

Due to increased cost of inputs like paper and printing ink the prices of books have had to be increased. This is a world-wide phenomenon and cannot be helped.

R. GOPALARATNAM
Manager

ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

We are glad to report another year of useful activity in the Adyar Library & Research Centre under the able guidance of the Hon. Director, Dr K. Kunjuni

Raja and Mrs. Radha Burnier, Chairman, Adyar Library Council with Dr A. G. Krishna Warriar and Mrs Seetha Neelakantan as members of the Council.

The Library sustained a serious loss in the sudden demise on 6.6.1984 of Dr A. G. Krishna Warriar.

We regret to announce the demise of Sri V. Ramanatha Ayyar at Kanchipuram in June 1984. He was the Librarian of the Adyar Library & Research Centre during 1968-70 and also published some papers in the Adyar Library Bulletin.

Staff

Dr K. V. Sarma, Retired Director of the Vishveshvaranand Research Institute, Hoshiarpur, joined the Library as Honorary Professor of Sanskrit from 1st October 1983. Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sharma, Retired Professor of Sanskrit, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, joined the Library as Honorary Professor with effect from 1st March 1984.

Dr A. K. Warder, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Toronto, Canada, was here as Honorary Visiting Professor for six months, October to March 1984.

Prof. A. A. Ramanathan resigned his post in the Library on 28th September 1984.

Publications

The Adyar Library Bulletin (Brahma-vidya), Vol. 47 (1983) was released during this year. There are 107 exchanges and 130 subscribers for *The Adyar Library Bulletin*. *Praci-Jyoti*, Kurukshetra University journal, was added as a new exchange.

The following two books were also published during the year. *Gangeśa's Philosophy of God* by Dr John Vattanky and *Daśopaniṣads*, Vol. 1 (Text), (Reprint).

The following is the position of the publications of the Adyar Library:

1. *Samgītaratnākara* of Śārṅgadeva, Vol. 3, Tāla-Vādyā (Rev. Ed.).—Printing in progress.

2. *Samnyāsa Paddhati* ed. by Patrick Olivelle—Printing in progress.

With the grants-in-aid received from the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the publication of the following works are in progress:

1. *Caturdaśalakṣaṇī* of Gadādhara with four commentaries—In press.

2. *Naiṣadhānanda* of Kṣeṣeśvara—Press copy ready.

3. *Descriptive Catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library, Vol. 2 Śrauta, etc.*—Ready for printing.

4. *Descriptive Catalogue of Tamil Manuscripts in the Adyar Library* prepared by the late Pandit S. Anantharaman—Printing in progress.

With the grants-in-aid received from the Tamil Nadu Government the following two Tamil works are being printed:

1. *Virāṣaḥarvaṃ Maṇipravālaṃ*

2. *Jīvanmuktiviveka*

Services Rendered

Microfilms of 13 Palm-leaf MSS., 2 Paper MSS., 3 Transcripts and 4 Books, and Photocopies of 9 MSS., 4 Transcripts, 15 Books and 8 Miscellaneous orders were supplied to various institutions and research scholars.

Photo copies from books, MSS. and journals, totalling 7,913 frames, were supplied to members and scholars of the Adyar Library and the Theosophical Society's Departments. Copies, amounting to 2,677 frames, were made for the records and correspondence of the Adyar Library.

Works Used

The Library has 568 Registered Readers, 207 Registered Borrowers including Registered Resident Members and 10 Life Members.

During the year 26,446 books and journals were consulted in the Reading

Room while 23,469 books were consulted by the Pandits of the Research Section. Books loaned numbered 5,489. A total of 1,180 MSS. was consulted.

Research Scholars

Four Research Scholars attached to the Adyar Library continued their Ph.D. theses under the guidance of the Director, Dr K. Kunjunni Raja.

Scholars of various institutions from India and abroad utilized the Library's facilities for their research. They included scholars from the University of Madras, the Kuppaswami Sastri Research Institute, the International Institute of Tamil Studies, the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras; Kendriya Sanskrit Vidya-peeths and Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati; Madurai Kamaraj University and Calicut University.

With the grant of Rs. 10,000 (being 60%) from the same Ministry for books and equipment, the following were purchased:

Euroclean Vacuum Cleaner, Krykard 2 KVA Servo Controlled Voltage Stabilizer, and Books.

The Ministry of Education has also helped us with honorariums for two scholars under the Sastra Chudamani Scheme.

Donations

The Library expresses its gratitude to the following for donations:

Bharatiya Kala Kendra, Madras, Rs. 1,500; Mr and Mrs S. R. Guru Rs. 100; The Theosophical Society in England Rs. 65.50; Mrs Cecily Dynes, Cremorne, Australia Rs. 212.50 and Dr W. J. H. Collins, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Osaka, Japan Rs. 750.

Visitors

The Library had the pleasure of welcoming various distinguished visitors from

India and abroad including Lilian Storey, Librarian, English Section, The Theosophical Society, London; Graham Shaw, Curator, North Indian Languages, Department of Oriental MSS. & Printed Books, British Library Reference Division, London; Nina Catach, Central National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris; A. K. Ramanujam, University of Chicago, U.S.A.; Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche from Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath; Mrs Pushpa Sundar, Programme Officer for Culture, Ford Foundation, Delhi; Dr P. Sriramachandrudu, Prof. of Sanskrit, Osmania University, Hyderabad; Messrs Subhas C. Biswas, Director, Central Secretariat Library, Ministry of Education & Culture, New Delhi; V. M. Govardhan, General Manager, Bokaro Steel Plant; and N. R. Sivaswamy, Commissioner of Income Tax, Madras.

Among the overseas scholars the following may be mentioned.

Prof. S. A. Srinivasan, University of Hamburg, West Germany; Dr Ronald W. Neufeldt, Associate Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, Calgary, Canada and Mr John Taber, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A., are associated with the Library as Honorary Research Fellows. The others who used the Library are Prof. K. I. Kopped-rayer, MiMester University, Quebec, Canada; Rev. Fr. Anthony Raj, Research Scholar, Loyola University, Chicago; John d'Entremont, Prof. of History, Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Vir., U.S.A.; Mr Tean Louis Ruyters, University of Groningen, Holland; and Prof. Richard Tucker, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich., U.S.A.

The Director's Visits Abroad

The Director, Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, visited various centres of Indological

Studies in Copenhagen, Aarhus, Stockholm, Uppsala, Helsinki, Oslo, Goteborg, and Lund at the invitation of the Scandinavian Institute of Asian Studies during April and May 1984. Later he visited Heidelberg, Bonn, Hamburg, Marburg, Vienna, Turin, Paris and Utrecht. He gave lectures on various topics like 'Ānandavardhana's Theory of Aesthetics', 'Politeness Expression in Sanskrit', 'Indian Philosophy of Language', 'Indian Theories of Meaning', 'Language and Culture', and 'Mīmāṃsā Contribution to Language Studies'.

Repairs and Preservation

569 books and 85 pamphlets were bound; 14 books were repaired and 10 books laminated.

Acquisitions

The Library added 1,443 books to its collection during the year. Of these 123 books were purchased with 60% aid from the Government of India, 7 were in exchange, 72 were review books, and the rest were gifts. We are grateful to the many people who donated their books to the Library including the following:

The President's Office, Theosophical Society 98; Mrs Radha Burnier 2; the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar 39; *The Theosophist* Office, 24; the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton 11; Concord Grove Press 4; the Krishna-murti Foundation, London 13; Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan 42; Nehru Memorial Museum 15; Buddhist Publication Society 12; Library of Congress 4; Messrs Danussi 216, N. C. Gopalaswami 94, and P. R. Thiruvengadam 20.

Cataloguing Section

678 books on various subjects were catalogued and 141 duplicate books added to the collection were accessed and entered in the cards.

Grant in Aid

The Library records its grateful thanks to the Ministry of Education & Culture, Government of India, for granting a sum of Rs. 80,000 towards the purchase of a Minolta EP 300 RE Plain Paper Copier.

MRS LAKSHMI NARAYANASWAMI
Librarian

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF THEOSOPHICAL STUDIES

The first term for 1983-84 opened on 15 September 1983 with Mr G. R. N. Swamy and Dr A. Kannan leading the studies in the absence of Mrs Seetha Neelakantan for about 3 weeks. The syllabus, as is the policy now, was oriented towards an in-depth study of the universal principles that govern life's functioning and in relation to Man, the manifested Cosmos and of the Unmanifest. The Introductory course leading to this which brings in the founding and the work of the T.S. consisted of the early history of the Society, the Mystery Schools, the explosion

of interest in Spiritualism in the 1800's, the aims and objectives of the Society and the need even now to emphasize the Universal Principles of the Archaic Wisdom, called Theosophy.

The select bibliography of books for this term included some of the basic books such as *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Mahatma Letters* besides *Study in Consciousness*, select volumes from H.P.B.'s *Collected Writings*, etc. The students' attention was also drawn to some latest books of Quantum Physicists, Doctors of Medicine, Biologists, Psychologists, etc.—relating to current trends.

There were three scholarship students—from Mexico, Argentina and India. Other countries represented were Norway, England, Malaysia, Egypt and New Zealand, besides India. The average attendance was twelve.

Mr. Conrad Jamieson, now General Secretary of the N.Z. Section, gave a number of talks and conducted workshops during the first term in the afternoons. His lectures covered: Theosophical look at the Bible stories and parables; The Humanitarian Way—Implications of Living covering Vegetarianism, Animal Welfare, avenues of other service; Truth about Fairy Tales—What shall we tell our children; and an illustrated talk on the Occult side of Music. His workshops covered: Public Speaking—speech composition, choice of themes, preparation, etc.; practical exercises in voice production, projection and articulation; and Chairmanship and Lodge Work. These were attended by many special observers.

The student research papers covered subjects such as: Psychism and Spirituality, Self-Discipline, Is Discipline Necessary?, Karma, Will and Desire, Reaching the Goal, etc.

Term two (15 January to 15 March) has always a larger attendance with a number of members coming to Adyar for the International Convention staying over for some of the short courses. Mrs Radha Burnier's talks on Fragment I of *The Voice of the Silence* had about 40-45 attending. The highlight of this term was studies of select verses from the *Dhammapada* by Prof. Lama Rinpoche, Principal of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Saranath. He had been to the Centre previously for courses on Buddhism. The registration was about 60 for this and his direct and

simple but profound talks were much appreciated. The Centre also presented him at a Public Lecture when he spoke on the intriguing title 'Experience of Untruth'. It was direct and simple with examples drawn from his own life in his earnestness to discover Truth. In spite of heavy rains, he drew a large audience. His informal talk on Tibet to the students one afternoon opened out a different approach on its Culture.

The morning programmes included during this term: A study of Man based on a commentary on the Cosmogonical Stanzas by Krishna Prem and Madhav Asish. This special book was used as it opens out not only other avenues of exploring the Stanzas but also enables one to comprehend many cryptic statements in *The Secret Doctrine*.

The theme 'Polarisation and Perfection' was an attempt to understand aspects of the Spiritual Path such as Meditation, Yoga, Initiations, Perfection, etc. in terms of states of being, the play of Consciousness and Matter as 2 poles in Manifestation. The texts used for this were two of the Upanishads—*Isavasya* and *Mandukya* besides the *Stanzas*.

The study of *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett* in relation to qualification for Chelaship covered the letters in the Occult World Series and a few in the Section on 'Probation and Chelaship'.

The average attendance ranged from 15-20. Students for all the courses for this term were drawn from: Australia, Holland, U.S.A., England, France, Switzerland, and Norway besides India. Special mention must be made of a young Theosophist from Norway who recently joined the Society in Norway and who attended both the

terms. Exploring the Theosophical Philosophy in depth for the first time with a certain freshness, he returned to his country fired with much enthusiasm for the Wisdom and planning to share his

depths of understanding with other youths of his country.

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN
Director of Studies

THEOSOPHY-SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

There has been an increasing interest among members of the Society in science and technology in their relation to Theosophy and Brotherhood.

The *Theosophy/Science* journal published for years by the Science Group in Great Britain, is now being brought out by the American Section and renamed *The Theosophical Research Journal*. Two issues were published during the first year under the joint editorship of Dr Ralph Hannon and Mrs Dora Kunz. This journal is the official organ of the Theosophical Research Institute, Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A. and has as its primary purpose 'to widen the field of scientific and philosophic knowledge by the application of theosophical principles'.

Two journals are published in India—*The Theo-Scientist*, a quarterly by Dr R.C. Rath from Cuttack, Orissa, and *The Bulletin of the Theosophy-Science Study Group, India* published six times a year by Dr A. Kannan from Adyar. The latter has completed 22 years.

The English Theosophical Research Centre and the American Theosophical Research Institute have also published during recent years several monographs based on research in occult chemistry, physical and biological sciences, evol-

ution, healing, etc. All these publications and the journals are worth deep study by Theosophists, not only to keep abreast with advances in modern science, but also to gain a theosophical understanding of the role of science and technology in the service of humanity.

Seminars have been held in the American Section in 1984 on 'Space, Time and Medicine' and on 'Near Death Experiences: Research, Theory and Implications'. *Fields and their Clinical Implications* by Dora Kunz and Erik Peper has been published as a pamphlet.

During the Adyar Convention 1983, the Theosophy/Science lecture was delivered by Prof. Y. Nayudamma and a discussion was held on 'Man and His Environment'. *The Register of Scientifically Qualified Members—1984* has been published and distributed to all scientifically qualified members and also to the General Secretaries of National Sections.

In Australia a Theosophy-Science Seminar was held at the Manor in December 1983 and a Theosophy-Science Group was formed, its membership being open to members on the National and International Science Register.

DR A. KANNAN

T. S. ARCHIVES

Mr Michael Gomes, a research scholar from Canada, has been researching in the Archives from April 1984 into the early history of the T.S. Some of his findings are contained in his long article, 'Coulomb Case—1884-1984' published serially in *The Theosophist* of December 1984 and January and February 1985.

We provided material, especially photographs, on Dr Besant, Dr Arundale and Mr B. P. Wadia to the Films Division for their documentary on 'India's Freedom Struggle'.

Help was also rendered to the Bombay

magazine *Eve's Weekly* for preparing an article on Dr Besant, including photo copy of her handwriting.

Participants of the Centre of Studies were shown around the Archives, when Mr C. R. N. Swamy explained the exhibits.

The routine work and activities of the Archives follow the general pattern of the previous years. For lack of trained personnel, lamination work is kept suspended.

MISS R. PADMINI
Officer-in-Charge

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1984

National Sections (Active)		40	No. of Lodges & Study Centres		No. of Members
Presidential Agencies (Active)		5			
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)		3	26.	Ireland, N.	3 47
Total Lodges and Studies Centres		1,213	27.	Ireland, Rep. of	1 43 (1980)
Total Membership 1983	34,757		28.	Italy	35 1,050
Total Membership 1984	34,241		29.	Malaysia	2 75 (1983)
			30.	Mexico	25 359 (1980)
			31.	Netherlands, The	20 827
			32.	New Zealand	16 1,559
			33.	Norway	6 84
			34.	Pakistan	4 266 (1983)
			35.	Philippines, The	14 266
			36.	Portugal	12 281
			37.	Puerto Rico	3 143 (1983)
			38.	Scotland	7 180
			39.	Spain	15 569
			40.	Sri Lanka	8 125
			41.	Sweden	8 277
			42.	Switzerland	7 165
			43.	United States of America	159 5,425
			44.	Uruguay	7 90
			45.	Venezuela	2 61
			46.	Wales	2 76
			47.	Yugoslavia	3 52
			48.	Lodges attached directly to Adyar	
				Bangladesh	1 46
				Cameroon	1 36 (1982)
				Hong Kong	1 15 (1983)
				Israel	2 39 (1983)
				Japan	2 52
				Korea	1 18
				Peru	5 58 (1982)
				Singapore	2 52
				Suriname	1 8 (1983)
			Total		1,213 34,241
1. Africa, East & Central	26	1,320 (1981)			
2. Africa, South	7	342			
3. Africa, West	12	260			
4. America, Central	13	167			
5. Argentina	32	680			
6. Australia	13	1,217			
7. Austria	4	214			
8. Belgium	8	157			
9. Bolivia	3	20			
10. Brazil	38	810			
11. Burma	6	89			
12. Canada	11	275			
13. Canadian Federation	8	95			
14. Chile	6	57			
15. Colombia	8	144			
16. Cuba	19	472			
17. Denmark	17	503			
18. England	73	1,767			
19. Finland	20	579			
20. France	33	1,031			
21. Germany, West	8	256			
22. Greece	8	240			
23. Iceland	10	409			
24. India	435	10,155			
25. Indonesia	21	638			

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, FEDERATION
SECRETARIES, PRESIDENTIAL
AGENTS, ETC.

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
International Secretary.

AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

At the annual convention in April 1984 Mr Kanoobai A. Patel was elected General Secretary.

Our National Lecturer, Mr Rueben Thuku, visited most of the lodges in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia and continued his good work among the indigenous people. Another highlight of the year was the visit of the former General Secre-

tary, Mr H. D. Shah, whose tour of the branches also proved very useful.

Theosophical work in the Section and lodges continues on much the same pattern as in earlier years. The number of lodges remains the same.

MR KANOOBHAI A. PATEL
General Secretary

AFRICA, SOUTH

The work of Theosophy in Southern Africa goes on. Our 1984 Convention was held in Durban and the attendance was fairly good.

Unfortunately, Mrs Radha Burnier was unable to accept our invitation to be Guest of Honour, but we were, however, well rewarded by having Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England with us. She conducted our Summer School and also contributed very valuable talks at the Convention. In addition, she inspired us to take up the study of *The Secret Doctrine*, showing us how to set about it as well.

We have managed to get one issue of our Section magazine *The Link* published since the last number in December 1981, and hope to bring out another issue before Christmas 1984. We hope its publication will be regularised in the future.

Pretoria Lodge is very active, with

public lectures every Sunday evening, Yoga classes four times a week, the Library being open for four days during the week. The bookshop is also doing very well.

Durban Lodge is also very active and now has its own premises due to a legacy. Public meetings are held regularly every Tuesday.

Taimni Lodge, our youngest, holds bi-monthly meetings and one of the members also conducts a healing session weekly.

Two of our Lodges are no longer functioning; but we hope to start a new Centre in Pietersburg in Northern Transvaal.

Our 1985 Convention is scheduled to be held in Pretoria.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON
General Secretary

AMERICA, CENTRAL

No Report

ARGENTINA

We held our 22nd Summer School in January 1984 in our new Theosophical Colony in San Rafael. 'Will is to be able to' is really a motto to be applied to our experience in establishing the new colony.

All our Lodges are carrying on the work of spreading Theosophy, and our National Section is making a great effort to keep on radiating its influence in a world of selfishness and power-seeking.

In April we had a welcome guest speaker in Mrs Seetha Neelakantan who toured all our theosophical centres delivering interesting lectures. She also conducted three Seminars for members. Her visit vitalized and energized the theosophical work everywhere.

Our national lecturer Mr Vicente Fiumano toured in Paraguay delivering public lectures and a course for members only. The other lecturer, Mr Juan Viñas also made an extensive lecture tour of the Section.

The audio-visual 'Substratum' on a scientific background has been projected in several places where it evoked great

interest. Other audio-visuals like 'Music in the Superphysical Worlds' (based on G. Hodson's work), 'Some Pictures of the Milenary India', 'Pre-Colombine Civilization in Mexico', 'Images of the Buddhist World' and 'The Great Theosophical Centres of the World' are always attractive and draw large audiences to the halls where they are projected. This is a very beautiful and well organized work.

At present our team of translators is working on several classic books of theosophical literature not yet available in Spanish.

We send Letters to New Members for the first 18 months to familiarise them with Theosophy and the T.S.

We are making a study project for groups in order to get some experience in this field and then start a 'Theosophical Study Centre' where members can go and make an in-depth study of the esoteric philosophy.

MR JUAN CARLOS PALMERI
General Secretary

AUSTRALIA

The reports received from the lodges and groups throughout the Australian Section have in general reflected an active and stable year. Most lodges have increased their activities and/or membership. In the state of Queensland both a new lodge and a new group have been started.

A successful Annual Convention was held in January 1984 with Miss Joy Mills as Guest Speaker. Over 60 people attended as residents for the week-long

event, with many others coming on a daily basis. We also had another international visitor, Mr C. Robertson-Dunn from the Central and East African Section.

There has been an increase in membership of 31, bringing the total to 1,217. Death has claimed several dedicated members including Sydney Saunders, Isabel Pringle, Gertrude Reid, Wanda Sawtell, Alice Cuthbertson and Edith Hill. The Membership Endowment

Scheme enrolled another member, bringing its total to 24.

Adelaide Lodge has had several study classes including one on training lecturers. Blavatsky Lodge started classes on basic and intermediate Theosophy and *The Secret Doctrine*. Perth Lodge's centre at Mt. Helena continues to grow, and there are now plans to develop it into a centre for the Southeast Asian area. Melbourne Lodge continues to be active six days of the week and one-day seminars have been a feature on the programme of the smaller lodges.

The Headquarters continues to be a source of information and material for lodges, groups and members throughout the Section. Our Resource Catalogue provides a list of all such material available, such as study courses, films and the titles of cassettes in our extensive Tape Library. Leaflets and bookmarks are printed and distributed by Headquarters.

The bookshops continue to be of great benefit to the Section—providing income for the lodges, making available T. S. literature to the members and public, and providing an avenue for advertising Theosophy and lodge activ-

ities. The Quest Book Agency had another active year.

Our National Lecturer, Mr Phil Harris of Perth, visited all the lodges and groups throughout the Section. As General Secretary I also have managed to visit nearly all the lodges and groups. Such personal contact has helped to sort out problems and establish a more harmonious liaison.

Our journal *Theosophy in Australia* has been published every quarter.

A Theosophy-Science Group was started in the Section during the year with Dr Hugh Murdoch as Convenor. Their first Newsletter was issued in August 1984, and there are plans to hold a Science Seminar every two years.

Groups and individuals work hard and enthusiastically right throughout Australia for the T.O.S., raising funds and participating in active service.

Our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, will be Guest Speaker at our Annual Convention in Canberra in January 1985. The prospects are bright for positive growth of our Section in the future.

MISS DIANNE KAY KYNASTON
General Secretary

AUSTRIA

The past year was a year of quiet and steady work in all our Branches, but alas, with not much success. As already explained in last year's report, the interest of the public in the work of the Theosophical Society is diminishing—perhaps because many so-called theosophical ideas are by virtue of their own validity more and more generally accepted and, though certainly only in part, propagated also by many other groups and persons, so

that people do not feel that these ideas are something especially 'theosophical' and therefore also do not feel any reason for joining the Theosophical Society.

So statistics show again a decrease of membership—from 226 last year to 214.

A special feature of the year was the visit of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, in June 1984 who gave much appreciated lectures at Vienna and Graz.

In September 1984 we had—after last year's interruption—again a Summer School at Pichl, directed by Mr Rudolf Hammer, Vice-President of our Branch at Vienna. The studies were based on chapters of the Centenary Publication *The Universal Flame*. Forty-three members took part—26 from Austria, 12 from Germany and 5 from other Sections.

Our publishing house Adyar-Verlag at Graz published a new German edition of H.P. Blavatsky's *The Key to Theosophy* in December 1983, and a second German edition of the *Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* by Elizabeth Preston and Christinas Humphreys in September 1984.

DR NORBERT LAUPPERT
General Secretary

BELGIUM

Besides members, a growing number of sympathizers attend our public lectures. Four of our eight lodges are in Brussels. Membership now is 157, compared with 176 a year before.

The three-day visit of our International President last June was a great source of enthusiasm.

Activities in Brussels include study courses on Theosophy, Astrology, Yoga Sutras of Patanjali and on Krishnamurti's thought. In the province, there are study courses on *The Secret Doctrine*, Buddhism,

and Symbolism and work of the T.O.S.

After ten years as General Secretary, Mr Lallemand declined to stand for reelection, and Dr H. van der Hecht was elected to this office. Mr and Mrs Lallemand are nevertheless continuing to help in the Section's work, and they are warmly thanked for the tremendous work which they are ceaselessly accomplishing.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT
General Secretary

BRAZIL

We have the pleasure to perceive a quantitative as well as qualitative increase in the work of the Section during the year under review. Officials of several Lodges and Study Groups are becoming more conscious of the need for integrated work.

In addition to several editions of books by Annie Besant, C.W. Leadbeater, Geoffrey Hodson and I.K. Taimni published privately under copyright licence from the Section, we are editing a book containing articles by our International President for publication in Portuguese

under the title 'Theosophy Today'. Increased book sales and the royalties from private publishers augmented the financial resources of the Section.

Several seminars were held during the past year in different places in addition to regular meetings. There was a good attendance, including young members and sympathisers, at a week-long summer school organized in São Paulo. A regional meeting on the theme 'Theosophical Companionship' was held in February in São Paulo, and again in September 1984.

The Inter-American Theosophical Federation consulted us about holding a meeting of the American Sections to be held in Porto Alegre city in April 1985. We agreed and hope that it will be a successful event.

Our official journal, *O Teosofista* has been improved in its looks and contents. We also issued two news bulletins to inform members about Lodge and Section activities. There has been an increase

of new members in several Lodges, a tendency we hope will continue.

We had the pleasure to have among us Sister Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar in May 1984. Her lectures in many cities attracted large numbers of members and the public.

The General Secretary also visited intensively several cities in order to discuss Lodge work and give lectures.

MR JOAO BAPTISTA BRITO PINTO
General Secretary

BURMA

Regular monthly meetings and group discussions were held at most of our lodges. Our 71st annual convention was held in October 1983 at the Section Headquarters. Bro. U Than Kyaing, President of the Olcott Lodge in Rangoon, presided over the conference which was well attended by members and friends.

The Olcott Lodge held study classes and group meditation thrice a week. Extensive improvements were made to the lodge library. Theosophical anniversaries were duly celebrated.

The number of active lodges remained the same during the year—six—with a slight decrease in membership, which now totals 89.

The Section suffered a great loss during

the year with the passing on of several of our senior and respected members. The gap is difficult to fill as we have very few theosophical lecturers and active workers. The task is therefore urgent to train our young members to carry on the torch by taking to more active work for the spread of theosophical teachings. The message of Theosophy is needed more than ever to create Universal Brotherhood, tolerance and goodwill. The Buddha taught us the wisdom of the heart, tolerance and compassion and it is our duty to bring home the truths of Theosophy to our friends and spread the warm radiations of brotherly love and compassion.

U MAUNG GYI
General Secretary

CANADA

The activities of the Canadian Section have been facilitated in recent months thanks to the use of a borrowed word processor. Its value is evident in several areas, not least of which is the editing of the Section journal.

The Section's first film, 'Beyond Conflict', produced in 1983, has been generally released in video tape and also made available in the tape size suitable for TV transmission.

The Section journal, *The Canadian Theosophist*, continues to be one of our major programmes. One of its features in the past year was the publication of a major, well researched article on 'Mahatma Gandhi and the Theosophical Movement', which was favourably received. On completion of the 64th volume of the magazine during the year under review, it was bound together with Vol. 63 and copies were made available

to the several Canadian university libraries that have the entire series.

The tape library of recorded theosophical lectures continues to grow and is increasingly used by members, especially those living in isolated places. The Home Study course is also available to new students of Theosophy.

Activities of local branches make up the main part of the work of the Society, and the depth and variety of such work is encouraging.

Our annual meeting was held in Toronto with Dr John Algeo of the U. S. as Guest Speaker. The participation of Canadians in the Krotana School of Theosophy continues. Dr Alastair Taylor, a member of the Victoria Lodge, taught there during the 1983 Fall Term. Three Canadians attended the European School of Theosophy, the 1983 session of which was held in Germany.

During the late spring of 1984, it was a pleasure to welcome to Canada Dr C.V. Agarwal, General Secretary of the Indian Section. After attending a professional congress, he extended his stay to lecture and/or conduct workshops for the Section in Montreal, Toronto, Victoria, Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton.

Last year plans were laid to resuscitate the North American Theosophical Student's Conference, a successful cooperative programme of the Canadian and American Sections from 1969-72. The Conference, to be held in late September, 1984, in Toronto, is being coordinated by the Toronto Theosophical Society, with cooperation from the T. S. in Canada. As in the past, it will be open to all students of Theosophy, regardless of affiliation.

Such interorganizational activity was also the backbone of a highly successful conference presented by the U.S. West Coast Federation of Lodges in January

1984. The major Theosophical groups were invited to address the theme, 'Networking for Unity', and to say the least, this fraternal gathering promises much for the future of the theosophical movement. The General Secretary was honoured to be invited to 'join the network' and participate in the 'Networking for Unity' Conference as one of the two representatives speaking on behalf of the Theosophical Society.

Last but not least, this report gratefully acknowledges the work of the Lizzie Arthur Russell Theosophical Memorial Trust. Its activities, commensurate with its opportunities, included the award of an annual scholarship to a graduate student in Western Canada. This year, the Trust made a substantial contribution to the costs incurred with Dr Agarwal's lecture tour, and is the lender of the word processing equipment mentioned earlier.

'Make your activity commensurate with your opportunities...' So wrote H. P. Blavatsky to an early member of the Society. She was referring specifically to the work of a certain Lodge and warned that nothing could kill it except passivity. Her advice was good then, and is good now. As we move into another year of work on behalf of the Society this surely is sound advice, whether to ourselves as individuals or as groups. The opportunities facing us are many. If we direct our activity accordingly, and perform it always with a positive attitude and with a spirit of cooperation among all fellow students of Theosophy, we shall help to strengthen a network which itself will be the source of still further opportunities in the future.

MR TED G. DAVY
General Secretary

CHILE

For the first time in many years we started a Medium Course of Theosophy which is becoming popular. Our Basic Course of Theosophy continues in both Santiago and Valparaiso.

As reported earlier, our activities are centred in the two principal cities (Santiago, 4 lodges and Valparaiso, 2 lodges). Both cities have well-patronised Libraries and Bookshops.

In Santiago, from March to December, public meetings are held every week and they are well attended as the programmes are broadcast over three radio stations. In the summer period instead of lectures, public discussion meetings were held which were popular. This will be continued in the coming year.

Two distinguished Theosophists lectured in our Section during the year: Mrs

Betsan Coats and Mrs Seetha Neelakantan. The President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, Mr Manuel Farinich, is also scheduled for a lecture tour in November 1984.

As a new activity, we now have formed a Basic Development Group whose members put more accent on the living of the teaching and expounding to the public the theosophical teachings. The group held a two-day seminar in September with positive results. We are also in the process of forming a Young Theosophists group with plans to hold weekly get-togethers.

A course on 'Introduction to Concentration and Meditation' is also planned for the coming year.

MR MAURICIO FROIMOVICH S.
General Secretary

COLOMBIA

All the eight Lodges in Colombia (with a total membership of 144) met regularly once a week. Also some Study Groups continue to meet regularly every week in Bogota and Bucaramanga.

Mrs Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar visited us for six days in June and gave six talks which were very well appreciated by all. The General Secretary paid week-long visits to the Lodges and Study Groups of Medellin and Bucaramanga and gave daily talks in addition to meeting the members.

Two new pamphlets were issued during the year for free distribution: 'Why Search for Truth?' and 'Do We Know How to Live?' Five books, all by Annie Besant translated into Spanish by the General Secretary, were published during the year:

The Theosophical Life; Revelation, Inspiration, Observation; Hints on the Study of the Bhagavad Gita, and the first and second series of *Practical Notes for Students of Occultism*. Copies have been supplied to other Spanish-speaking Sections with free permission for reprinting.

Our magazine *Seleccion Teosofica* is published regularly and distributed to all members and their friends. Copies are also sent free to other Sections and Lodges in Spanish-speaking countries.

Our Newsletter is sent every month to all members and also a Guide Letter on Studies for New Members during the first two months of their membership.

MR WALTER BALLESTEROS
General Secretary

CUBA

All lodges in the Cuban Section have been working actively with great enthusiasm and devotion. We are working to encourage members in the study of Theosophy. Several lodges are conducting study classes in theosophical literature such as *At the Feet of the Master*, *Introduction to Yoga* by Annie Besant, and *Self-Culture and Science and Occultism* by I.K. Taimni.

Our journal, *Revista Teosofia Cubana*, is being published in mimeographic form and distributed free to all members.

Our 79th Annual Convention, held 20-22 January 1984 under the theme

'The Path of Inner Unfoldment', was marked by a spirit of brotherliness and harmony among the participants.

In addition to regular meetings, the Section and lodges duly celebrated all theosophical anniversaries. September 22, 1984 was again observed as 'The Cuban Theosophist Day' to pay homage to past workers and to strengthen the spiritual bonds among members. Several inter-lodge meetings were also held to promote brotherly relations among members and lodges.

DR LELIA FERNANDES PAGOLA
General Secretary

DENMARK

There has been an increase in our Section work during the last year. The public interest in the T.S. is growing in many ways and our membership increased to 503.

Our successful study-seminars on 'Theosophy and Esoteric Philosophy' continued this summer with about 95 participants. This year we again held two seminars, each lasting six days. The first was a detailed and careful introduction to the principles of Theosophy; the second presented wider and more complex perspectives in the theosophical axioms. We have planned a third seminar for next summer that will extend the teachings further.

In several cities we have series of public lectures in schools in the evening besides our public lectures and meetings in lodges. All this makes our field of work larger and larger. We have had

two programmes over the radio, lasting for two and two and a half hours and reaching thousands of people.

Our printing work has greatly expanded despite many practical problems, and included publication of C. W. Leadbeater's *The Astral Plane*, *Invisible Helpers* and *A Textbook of Theosophy*. We also printed *The Divine Plan* by Geoffrey Barborka thanks to a grant from the NEPF. Book sales are going very well. In addition, we have completed translation of ten more books—by Ianthe Hoskins, Geoffrey Hodson, C. W. L. and others.

We work with enthusiasm to spread the theosophical teachings and way of life. Our great responsibility is to present Theosophy in modern language without getting superficial—a difficult but fascinating task.

MRS MARION BENNIS
General Secretary

ENGLAND

Meetings, seminars, lectures and study groups continued in the period under review throughout the English Section, which has 73 Lodges and Centres. For the corresponding period last year there were 2,054 members and for this year there has been a decrease to 1,767. This loss of 287 members is greatly to be regretted. The fall is probably due to the increased subscriptions which has made us more viable financially but at the cost of this drop in membership, although we have applied the H.P.B. principle that nobody need pay any subscription if unable to do so.

Headquarters' activities have again increased. There is some activity happening at Headquarters every night. There are two current open study groups, one on 'The Nature of Man' (based on *The Key to Theosophy* by H.P. Blavatsky); a follow-up to the Introductory Course, and a new course on 'Consulting the "I Ching"'. The continuing courses consist of an Inquirers' Class, *The Voice of the Silence*, 'Basic Aspects of Theosophy', 'Metaphysics and *The Secret Doctrine*', 'Philosophical Foundations of *The Secret Doctrine*', *The Mahatma Letters*, and 'The Nature of Man'.

There are three classes in Hatha Yoga for Beginners, Intermediate, and Advanced students; a class in the T'ai-Chi Ch'uan, and two classes on Meditation.

The Section's Summer School at Ripon, Yorkshire, was attended by more than 150 people, and our International President, Radha Burnier, who was the Principal Speaker, gave a number of lectures including a public lecture on Annie Besant.

At Tekels Park 10 seminars/workshops and 4 residential weekends were organized by the Publicity Department.

The Sunday Public Lectures are concentrating on the history of the Theosophical Society and so far have covered the period 1875 to 1891, when our great founder, H.P. Blavatsky, died. The average attendance is around 50 rising to near 100 when we have a star speaker.

Inquiries received by the Publicity and Information Officers fell, by about 10% on last year's figures, to 588. At least 35% of these came as a result of advertising, but as about half of those who contact the Department do not say how they heard of the T.S. many more inquiries may originate from advertising. Still the greatest number of new members arise out of personal recommendations or through reading about the Society in occult or related literature.

During the year visitors from 21 countries came to our Headquarters and we received correspondence from another 26 countries. There is still a strong demand for badges and pendants from abroad. Our sales of cassette tapes amounted to over £800 and those made by Rohit Mehta (who gave a series of lectures during the summer) sold particularly well.

During the past 12 months 3,773 books were issued by the Library. Of these 1,079 were on Theosophy while 477 were on Western Occultism and 472 on Comparative Religion.

Over 100 new books were added to the Library during this period. A major acquisition to the Library equipment has been the purchase of a microfiche reader and a set of the *Mahatma Letters* on microfiche. It is hoped to increase the stock of microfiche material during the coming years. The number of cassettes available on loan to members has again been increased and continues to prove popular.

Research continues to be done for members in many countries and special books from our collection have been provided through the British Library Association to readers in many parts of England.

The Blavatsky Lecture was given at the Annual Convention by Jeanine Miller, who was the Principal Home Speaker at the Summer School. Her lecture 'The Flame Divine' is now on sale as a booklet at £1.25. The theme of the Summer School was 'Theosophy East and West'.

The *Theosophical Journal* is still being issued at two-monthly intervals and a syllabus of Lodges, seminars, weekends and lectures is included. While the General Secretary is responsible for the overall content of the Journal, Marion Caws continues as the effective Editor of the Journal with the technical help of Rosamunde Prior.

The Olcott Letter, written by the General Secretary, is still issued six times yearly to the unattached members.

The Theosophical Publishing House has again had a very successful year. The bookshop is opposite the British Museum and many books are sold to Museum visitors and other passers-by.

The following works have been reprinted: *The Mental Body* by A. E. Powell, *The Occult World* by A. P. Sinnett, *The Story of Atlantis and the Lost Lemuria* by W. Scott-Elliott, *Theosophy, What's it all about* by G. A. Farthing, and a compilation of articles by P. G. Bowen has been

published by the Society in a booklet entitled *Hatha Yoga*.

Theosophical publications are also sold at the Summer School, at weekend events and are also purchased in the Inquiry Room at Headquarters. We have had difficulties in maintaining an adequate service in the Inquiry Room owing to a lack of voluntary helpers.

The Theosophical Order of Service has had an increase of membership and its humane activities continue under Madge Hooper's chairmanship. She has been seeking to establish closer relations with the Indian Section.

The Tekels Park Guest House continues to prosper and is often used for weekend events by kindred organizations.

The English Section continued its active participation in European activities and many members attended various activities and schools in other European countries. Ianthe Hokins, International Speaker, visited a number of European countries and also South Africa.

Our broad policy in the English Section remains the advancement of Theosophy in an eclectic and up-to-date way, hoping that many of those who attend our fringe activities will take up the deep study of H.P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, Krishnamurti and others who have created the mainstream of theosophical thought since the Society's foundation in 1875.

DR HUGH GRAY
General Secretary

FINLAND

The year under report has been quite an active one. In October the Section participated in the Exhibition of Knowledge and Spirit where its activities were

presented to the public through short lectures, literature, books, dia-positives and a film.

In July a group of 26 persons from

Finland attended the European Congress at Poitiers in France. It provided a great opportunity to all the participants to live Theosophy besides listening to excellent lectures by many prominent Theosophists.

Our annual convention was held during Easter in Helsinki, with Mr Gunnar Larson from Sweden as guest speaker. The three-day convention was marked by mutual harmony, renewal of friendships and brotherliness of members from far and near.

The visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, for our Summer School at Kreivila in June attracted 120 participants. She gave three lectures to the grateful audience and also led the morning meditations during her stay. She also gave a radio interview which was broadcast a week later. The second part of the summer school was led by Dr Henryk Skolimowski from U.S.A. The participants had now the opportunity to make acquaintance with eco-philosophy. The summer school was thus a real success.

Our membership now totals 579, and

19 of our 20 Lodges are active. The work in the Lodges has been carried on as usual. Public lectures are arranged as usual during autumn and spring semesters. In Helsinki the Section holds lectures each Sunday. A monthly lecture is arranged by the local Lodge in ten other cities. There is good cooperation between the different Lodges and the Section in routing the lecturers around the country.

Our Round Table has 25 active members and meetings are held once a month. Healing groups have also been active in Helsinki and three other cities.

Kreivila—our summer place—has been a good help for the work of the Section. In addition to the Summer School and other theosophical meetings held there, many other groups—such as those concerned with healing, yoga and healthy food—hold their meetings there. The participants of these meetings also get acquainted with Theosophy there and many new members have joined the Society that way.

MRS KYLLIKKI VUORINEN
General Secretary

FRANCE

The number of members in the French Section is still decreasing this year, unfortunately, but many people are attending our meetings even if they are not yet members.

The activities go on at the Headquarters in Paris and also in the Lodges in France as well as in Africa. Seminars were organized in Paris, in Brittany, in Marseille and in Togo (Africa), and all of them were very well attended.

We had the great pleasure to receive our International President for our

National Convention. She also met our Lodge Presidents and workers and participated in a Q and A session.

The European Congress held in Poitiers was a success. Members came from all parts of Europe and even from the French speaking part of Canada. We had very good lectures (in English and French) and an audio-visual history of the T. S. from its origin to the 1984 Congress which was a very great success.

The General Secretary, with another member, paid a visit to the Lodges in

Ivory Coast, Cameroun, Congo and Togo in Africa. It was the first time that a General Secretary was visiting them, and it was truly a festival for them. Lectures were given in many towns and many questions were answered after the lectures as well as in the Lodges and in private groups. It was decided to help our African Brothers by inviting delegates

from each Lodge to come to France in 1985 for a Seminar, and they will participate in the Pays Latins Summer School in Brittany.

Our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* is published regularly, and the Editions Adyar goes on also, with some new publications.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA
General Secretary

GERMANY, WEST

During the past year our main concern was for the young members or rather for young people. We first established a Theosophical Library for children and young people. Next the Section adopted two Tibetan youths from Mundgod in India. They will be supported financially by the German Section while some members will keep personal contact with them.

Thirdly, the Section offered a free-of-charge Whitsuntide meeting for younger members and their families in central Germany. The planning and organizing was mainly in the hands of the younger ones. The response was not as good as we had hoped, but a small active group was formed which will organize future weekends.

The second 'European School of Theosophy' was held in October 1983 in Hannoversch-Munden. In general the place was found to be very suitable.

During the winter months several lecture tours were organized for the

General Secretary, the Treasurer and other members to visit the various groups in Germany.

Besides the spring and autumn study weekends in North and South Germany, the annual Summer School this year took place again at the village St. Martin. The theme was 'Theosophy—Our Certainty in an Endangered World'. The guest of honour was our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. During the summer school Mrs Eva Maas from Hanau was elected as the new General Secretary for the German Section. Mrs Gerda Hofer did not run for office for another term in order to concentrate more fully on other theosophical work, including editing the Section magazine *Adyar*.

The work of our various Lodges started again in September and the regular study weekends in North and South Germany were held with great success.

MRS EVA MAAS
General Secretary

GREECE

All lodges of the Greek Section continued their work in 1984 on the pattern of earlier years. A new Lodge (Besant) was added to the already existing seven Lodges in Greece.

The membership of the Section as on 30-9-1984 was 240.

Our bi-monthly journal *Ilisos* has a circulation of 2,800.

MR C. MELISSAROPOULOUS
General Secretary

ICELAND

The activities of our Section during the year were similar to those in earlier years. In Reykjavik public lectures were given twice a month from October to June, and lectures in Lodges twice a month. Guided meditation was held once a week.

Our magazine, *Gangleri*, was published twice during the year, in 2,200 copies. *Mundilfari*, the Section's newsletter, appeared twice.

The visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, for our Summer School in June was the greatest event in the Society's work in Iceland. We are deeply grateful for the pleasure of having her with us and her contribution was

highly encouraging to our work. She gave three talks and also interesting discussion programmes. The Summer School was well attended and highly successful.

The annual convention, held in May, elected Mrs Helga Joakimsdottir as General Secretary to succeed Mr Orn Guomundsson who decided not to stand for re-election.

There was a slight decrease in membership during the year, which is now 409.

In the time ahead there is great work to be done, where the main stress will be on increasing activity in the lodges.

MRS HELGA JOAKIMSDOTTIR
General Secretary

INDIA

During the year under review we have started in the Indian Section Headquarters a Department of Studies to render assistance to new Lodges and the members attached directly to the Section as well as others who enquire and seek. The Department is under the chairmanship of Mr G. K. R. Patri from Hyderabad. We need a band of workers to assist him in this task. It is hoped that very soon the department will fill a much felt need.

Thanks to a gift, facility for copying cassette tapes has been acquired and copies of talks are being made available for sale. Lodges formed during the last three years are being contacted and advised regarding the nature of the programme and individual study. Assistance has been given for publication of the Oriya translation of *Theosophy Explained in Questions and Answers*.

The International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, and Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, despite their busy schedule, spared time to visit several Federations and inspire members at a number of places during annual conferences and centenary celebrations of some Lodges.

I visited and spoke at Federations and Lodges around the country; also lectured at some lodges in the U.S.A. and Canada. Our National Lecturers—Dr A. Kannan, Dr Shankar Raju Naidu, Mr N. C. Ramanujachary, Smt Malati Pandya and Prof. H. E. Hakim—toured extensively during the year and their visits were much appreciated. In addition, Mr Rohit Mehta and Mr R. Gopalaratnam also toured various federations and presided over conferences.

The various Federations held numerous study camps as usual. Nineteen books were

published in various Indian languages, including the publication by the Assam Federation in Assamese of *Reincarnation* by Dr Besant. Also under print is the Assamese translation of *Invisible Helpers*. Many of the Federations regularly publish their own journals or bulletins.

Dr A. Kannan and Dr R. C. Rath continue to publish their Theosophy-Science journals: *The Bulletin of Theosophy-Science Study Group in India* and *Theo-Scientist*, respectively, under quite difficult conditions.

The Theosophical Order of Service in India completed the 75th year of its service to those who suffer. Its activities are gaining momentum throughout the Section.

In response to an appeal made last year, several members have been rendering voluntary service at the Headquarters in recent months. However, the need exists for more honorary workers at the Headquarters who can put in more or less full-time work, and I hope that members who have just retired or are about to retire will come forward to replace some of the older workers.

The Delhi Federation finally secured possession of the Kagal Memorial Theosophical Hall in Delhi, under dispute for a long time. It is a suitable centre of activity in the capital city and is now being put to effective use, including study camps.

The Centenary of the Indian Section will be in 1990. It is proposed that the Centenary Year be fittingly celebrated and special efforts be made from now on to spread the message of the Divine Wisdom. The International President

has been requested to have the International Convention that year at Varanasi.

There was a small decrease in membership during the year, which stood at 10,155 on 1-10-1984.

An arduous, sustained effort and great energy are needed for treading the spiritual path towards which, or on which, each and every T.S. member is moving. The present International President has been engaged in trying to take the Theosophical Society towards 'a serious approach' to life. She has given us a 'call to action', but how many of us pay heed?

Not only H.P.B. but all theosophical workers have pointed out the need for a sustained endeavour on the part of the individual member to study and disseminate the Ancient Wisdom. The Society brings together like-minded persons in an environment which fosters a spirit of enquiry for mutual help and sharing of knowledge. It provides opportunities for fellow members to help each other by their own experiences and researches. Further, literature embodying the Wisdom such as can be expressed in the words of those who have gone ahead is made available. However, mere mental grasp of various subjects will not be of much avail unless members 'theosophise' their daily life and relationships.

I would like to conclude this report on an optimistic note. There is no need to feel diffident or inadequate in meeting the challenges. They can be met by enthusiasm, courage, patience, wisdom and determination, to quote the words of the ancients.

DR C.V. AGARWAL
General Secretary

INDONESIA

Our 21st Annual Congress was held in Surabaya, East Java, 12-14 May, 1984, hosted by Penerangan Lodge. As decided at the Congress, a training session for workers in Java and Bali was held at Punten, East Java, in August. It was ably conducted by Mr R. S. Soejatno, former General Secretary, who has brought home from Krotana much knowledge and experience. The course covered modern methods of holding discussions and workshops and public speaking. The participants were mostly officers, lecturers and workers from lodges in East and Central Java and Bali. It is planned to hold similar sessions in other areas of the Section, preferably one every quarter.

One of the difficulties we face is a lack of lecturers and leaders. Lodges are, however, arranging discussions and workshops to enlist wider participation of members. Our youth section is almost inactive, perhaps due to the fact that

most of the young people are fully engaged in earning their livelihood under difficult conditions of unemployment and stiff competition.

A translation of H.P.B.'s *Practical Occultism* was published during the year with a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund, bringing the total of translated publications to twelve. Another book ready for publication is James S. Perkins' *Through Death to Rebirth*.

The number of Lodges remain the same, 21; most lodges hold weekly meetings with public lectures, discussions, workshops, meditation and Q and A sessions.

The T.O.S. is active in some major Lodges rendering service to the poor and to orphanages.

A Healing Group has just been formed in Jakarta under the leadership of Mr Soejatno.

MR H. M. SOESISWO
General Secretary

IRELAND

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ITALY

The year under review witnessed a gradual growth of the Italian Section, with three new Lodges, composed of younger members. The number of Lodges now stands at 35, with a total membership of 1,050. Also the number of subscribers of our Section Journal reached nearly 1,000 among which are many non-members, also from abroad and some public libraries.

We published the fourth volume of *The Secret Doctrine* in a new edition; also Annie Besant's *Karma* and *The Fundamental Laws of Theosophy*, the second edition of A. P. Sinnett's *Esoteric Buddhism*, and the fourth edition of C.W. Leadbeater's *Chakras*.

Our 70th National Convention was held May 31-June 3 at Castrocara, attended by 122 members from around

Italy. Mrs Hermine Sabetay was the guest speaker. The theme of the Convention was 'The Contribution of Theosophy to Solve the Present Crisis' which was treated by 15 speakers.

A special opportunity was the visit of our beloved President, Mrs Radha Burnier, who was in Milan 22-25 August. Members came to hear her from all parts of Italy and the hall was full for her talks.

The General Secretary lectured during

the year in Venice, Milano, Genova, Florence, Forli and Perugia, as well as in Trieste.

There is an increasing longing for spiritual teachings, but scarce understanding of what is spiritual. Therefore it is necessary to offer a chance to all seekers to know better what Theosophy is and what application it may have in daily life.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA
General Secretary

MEXICO

At our annual convention held in Mexico City in September, Mr Isaac Jauli Davila was elected as General Secretary to succeed Mr Alfonso Morales who had held the office for six years. The convention also adopted several amendments to the Section's Rules to streamline our constitutional framework.

The visit of Mrs Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar and her lectures in Mexico City, Puebla and Cuernavaca generated enthusiasm and interest among members and the general public.

Our nine lodges and four study centres continued their routine work of meetings and study courses of Theosophy at different levels.

With generous help from Mr Mario Suárez Del Real the Section has published four books in Spanish which are being distributed in Mexico and in Latin American countries. Another book, *Seven Great Religions*, is scheduled to be printed in the coming year.

With a generous donation of 219 books by a member, our library collection was augmented and reorganized. We have also approached the American Section for a book donation.

MR ALFONSO MORALES
AND
MR ISAAC JAULI DAVILA
General Secretary

NETHERLANDS

In November 1983 Mrs Ineke Vrolijk was elected General Secretary in succession to Mr Arend Haybroek who held the office for six years.

Our Summer School in August 1984 on the theme 'No Religion higher than Truth' was well attended; of the 150 participants, nearly three-fourths were

non-members. We also held a special week-end programme in May on the theme 'Time and Eternity'.

An outstanding event of the year was the visit May 22-26 of our International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. She gave several packed public lectures—in Arnhem, the Hague,

Amsterdam and the Naarden Centre addressed members' meetings and also attended a meeting of our Governing Board.

Our two-year training course is now in its second year; several of the 25 participants are new members.

The Section now has a membership of 827 in 20 Lodges.

Our T. P. H. published a reprint of *At the Feet of the Master*. A translation of *The Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine* is getting ready.

MRS INEKE VROLIJK

General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

It is gratifying to report steady progress during the past year. There is an increase in membership (now 1,559) and it is pleasing to note that some of the smaller lodges are growing in numbers.

The General Secretary visited most of the lodges twice, speaking at both public and members' meetings. The lodges were well served by other visiting lecturers of the Section as well. Mr Lionel Taylor, as National Lecturer, made two tours of the Section. Many members reported that they had been stimulated to further reading and study by the wide variety of subjects presented by the lecturers.

Advertising drew a large number of subscribers to our magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand*, many of whom have since become members. There is a constant demand for the free literature we send to lodges. The booklet 'A Spiritual Science for Today' is popular because of the wide coverage it gives to enquirers. For the first 18 months of membership new members are sent an informative letter each month, covering a broad field of study.

Fourteen coloured films with sound tracks have been made available free for lodge use. They serve as a good drawcard to attract people. Some sets of slides are also available on request to provide support for lecturers' talks.

Again this year the Section participated in several sessions on the series 'Religious Kaleidoscope' on the National Programme of Radio New Zealand. Mr Murray Stentiford has ably presented the Theosophical view in these programmes.

Several lodges and a number of members have made use of the free study courses and supplementary reading books available from Headquarters.

Our Cassette Centre recorded another successful year with 559 cassettes sold and 138 exchanged. There has been a good demand from overseas for cassettes. In all, since 1973, the Centre has processed 4,410 cassettes.

Mr Geoffrey Hodson left a wonderful collection of books to the Society and these are being catalogued. A large number has been added to the Reference Library, the balance for the Study Course Resource literature. Many members take advantage of our Postal Library, to which 70 new titles were added during the year. This service is much appreciated.

Some of the younger members have organized camps which are well attended. Some take part in healing group work.

In Auckland a Young Mothers' group has had interesting, instructive gatherings to discuss motherhood in the light of theosophical teachings. We hope the

idea will spread throughout New Zealand.

T.O.S. work is carried on mainly by T.S. members through existing groups for service to the handicapped, animals and prisoners.

Throughout New Zealand we are fortunate in having a body of dedicated members who shoulder the work of the Society, who through their firm commitment to the truths of Theosophy toil for the upliftment of mankind.

Throughout the world there is a growing awareness of a new approach to life—the Theosophical Holistic approach, which might be termed a spiritual ecology, the great need to acknowledge the Universal

Brotherhood of Man whereby the problems of one nation or group are the problems of all. Theosophy is the great nucleus which can change the chaos of today into the new age of tomorrow.

Great is our responsibility. Every one of us can help in some way. All the great religions believe that the power at the heart of the universe is an energy of love, which is available for every human being. It is nuclear when we practise the golden rule of loving all others as ourselves, without difference of race, nation, culture, religion, or economic status.

MR CONRAD JAMIESON
General Secretary

NORWAY

The Norwegian Section has changed its name to 'The Theosophical Society in Norway'. We have intensified our activities and notice an increasing interest among younger people. Of all our new members during the past three years only a few are over 40. This year we had to accept many lapsings because of non-payment. In other words, our Society has been through a rejuvenating process. Membership now stands at 84.

We elected a new General Secretary, Mrs Agnes Ibsen, who took over office as from 15 September 1984.

I am glad to report the re-establishing of our Norwegian Theosophical Publishing House and publication of a new translation of *At the Feet of the Master*. Three-four more books are to follow very soon. The start of this publishing house has been made possible by a generous donation from the Non-English Publications Fund, for which we are very grateful.

Several of our members participated in the Swedish Summer School and the European Congress this year and attended the European School of Theosophy last autumn.

Our study circle met 12 times in the past year, discussing main issues of Theosophy as propounded in standard theosophical literature. We also increased the number of Section meetings with talks by our own members and get-togethers after the meetings.

A study group of young members and non-members was active in translating and printing basic theosophical books, and designing new brochures. We also published two quarterlies, one together with Sweden, and one for our Section news. Distribution included friends and libraries.

MR TOM DEGENAARS
(former) General Secretary

PHILIPPINES

Despite increasing economic difficulties and political turbulence in the country, the Section had a good and successful year and apparently is on the way to better times ahead. Seventy-five new members joined during the year increasing our membership to 188.

Highlights of the year were the Section's Golden Anniversary celebration in December 1983 and the National Convention in June 1984, at which Mr Vic Hao-Chin Jr. was elected General Secretary to succeed Mrs Cleo Gregorio who headed the Section for 14 years.

To stress the Society's Brotherhood objective, the second week of October 1983 was observed as Brotherhood Week featuring three lectures. One was on the work of the United Nations to promote the concept.

Book sales are picking up and the library is being increasingly used by members and inquirers. A generous donation of books by Mr Bob Jordan of Ojai, California, augmented the Library collection.

The T.O.S. has two active departments: two healing groups and one for social service, including prisoners. A meditation group meets regularly at the Headquarters every Wednesday.

A long-range plan for the Section

approved by the new Board of Trustees has a dual objective: to make the theosophical philosophy widely available in the Philippines, and to undertake intensive training of theosophical workers.

A Correspondence Course on Introductory Theosophy based on the course of Emogene Simons was launched in August 1984. Public lectures every Sunday at the Headquarters are advertised to attract a better audience.

An information package has been developed containing general information about Theosophy including application forms for Correspondence Course.

Seminars on 'The Practice of Meditation' and *The Secret Doctrine* are scheduled for the coming year.

An experimental workshop on writing has been undertaken to help develop local theosophical authors. The encouragement of original research and writing has been set as a major policy of the Section.

The Board has also decided to launch a Theosophical Foundation for raising a sizeable fund to support the work of the Section.

MRS CLEO Z. GREGORIO
&

MR VICENTE HAO-CHIN JR.
General Secretary

PORTUGAL

The work in the Portuguese Section during 1984 was very similar to what it was in previous years. We had public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and Lodge meetings every week. We duly celebrated all the Theosophical days.

In the past year we also had some public meetings organized by the Lodges which was a good contribution to our work.

The great event of the year was the first-ever visit of a T.S. President to Portugal. It was with great rejoicing

that the members received the news of Mrs Radha Burnier's coming, and many members interrupted their holidays (August is holiday time in Portugal) to attend her meetings. Besides two public lectures at the Headquarters her T.V. interview enabled those members who could not attend them to see and to listen to her and they were very happy. I take this opportunity to thank our President on behalf of the Section for the inspiration she gave us.

The Iberian Theosophical Week

brought to Portugal nearly one hundred Spanish members during the Easter holidays. It was a very successful gathering and a very fraternal event.

As of September we had 281 members in 12 Lodges. Most of these lodges are working with great enthusiasm.

In conclusion, we are confident of the future and we hope that our work will grow in true Service for the Masters.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS
General Secretary

PUERTO RICO

(for year ended 26-2-1984)

The Puerto Rican Section expanded its activities during the past year. We organized an Inter-American Conference in which ten countries participated. It comprised a Seminar on Theosophy and meetings of the General Secretaries who agreed on various steps to promote Theosophy in this part of the world.

In April 1983 the General Secretary attended the Summer School in Argentina where he met Mrs Radha Burnier and with her recommendation the American Section sanctioned a grant of \$5,000 for holding the Seminar on Theosophy in Puerto Rico. The Seminar was held in January 1984 and several lecturers from Central and South America as well as the United States and Puerto Rico read papers on the Seminar theme 'Internal Development of Man'.

The General Secretaries of the countries represented at the Seminar—Argentina, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Dominican Republic and the

United States—met several times during the Seminar and planned to promote translation and publishing of English books into Spanish. The American Section promised to help with the publication of some books. Mrs Dora Kunz indicated that the American Section is interested in having theosophical workers from Latin America for a six-month period in Olcott Headquarters. The plan would be developed through scholarships so that workers can get acquainted with the work of the T. S. in America.

Our Section organized a new study group in the city of Carolina. Another study group in Santurce is developing a healing service through meditation. It also plans to take up the study of *The Secret Doctrine*.

Ten new members were accepted in our Society during the year.

PROF. MIGUEL A. CHARNECO
General Secretary

SPAIN

Over 100 of our members attended the Iberian Theosophical Week in Lisbon, Portugal, in April. The theme of the week was 'Education for Peace'. Several Spanish members also attended the European Congress in Poitiers, France.

Five of our members attended the European School of Theosophy in Tekels Park, England.

During the month of August we had the privilege of a most pleasant and uplifting visit by the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. She left behind a kind atmosphere of love and brotherhood.

Two new Lodges were formed during the year. One branch was dissolved since it had only four members. Thus the total of Lodges now stands at 15, with

569 members, an increase of 54 members during the year.

One of our Lodges has created a Department of Publications to print small booklets for distribution among all branches and members at low cost.

In August, one Lodge organized a Seminar on *The Voice of the Silence*, which was attended by members from various places of the country.

All lodges are continuing their work with determination. The new Lodge in the south of Spain (Evolution Lodge in Sevilla) has generated interest in Theosophy among several people from four cities of the region.

DR JOSE MARIA VENDRELL BRUCET
General Secretary

SRI LANKA

We now have eight lodges in Sri Lanka, all of them active in different ways.

Shanthi Marga Lodge in Galle suffered a great loss in the demise of its long-time President, Bro. A. P. Sugathadasa. The lodge has, however, continued its translation work. They have completed *At the Feet of the Master* and have taken up *The Voice of the Silence*.

Following the disturbance in July 1983, the Sri Ram Lodge in Jaffna has yet to resume its normal activities, including public lectures. However, its officers

have been active in rehabilitation work and some have lectured elsewhere.

Apart from monthly meetings, several lodges hold informal discussions on various themes. Non-members are also invited to participate.

Renovation of the headquarters building in Colombo is under way and T.S. activities will be resumed there on its completion.

MR T. R. RUSTOMJEE
General Secretary

SWEDEN

In the Swedish Section study groups have been a very important feature. Both members and non-members have been welcome to participate in these groups and we have found it to be a good form of working. Those who have recently be-

come interested in Theosophy here have the opportunity of asking questions and discussing with members of the T.S. and getting acquainted with theosophical ideas. Some of the subjects studied in these groups are: *The Secret Doctrine*,

Patanjali's Yoga Sutras, Theosophy and Christianity, Basic Teachings in Theosophy, Ageless Wisdom, and 'Man, the Earth and the Universe'.

As usual there have been regular public lectures and theosophical anniversaries celebrated. The library and the bookshop at our Headquarters in Stockholm are open to the public four afternoons a week.

We had the great pleasure of having our dear President Mrs Radha Burnier as the guest of honour at our Summer School in August. There were also guest speakers and many members from the Norwegian and the Danish Sections who joined with us and helped to make the week a success. The theme of the week was 'Theosophy—A Turning Point and a Challenge'.

A weekend Seminar was arranged in September with intensive studies of the basic principles of esoteric philosophy and

of karma and reincarnation, conducted by Mr Curt Berg and Mr Hans Liljeström.

Two information brochures were printed during the year. In print will soon be Ianthe Hoskins' *Foundation of Esoteric Philosophy* and a new translation of *At the Feet of the Master*.

Seven Swedish members attended the European School of Theosophy in autumn 1983 at Hannovers-Munden, Germany and a group of fifteen went to the European Congress in Poitiers, France, in July 1984. A young member of ours, Mrs Bertil Schroder, was a scholarship student at the Krotona School of Theosophy during the Fall term 1983.

There are five actively working Lodges and 277 members in our Section—a decrease of 11 since last year.

MRS TERITU EDIN
General Secretary

SWITZERLAND

Unfortunately, I cannot refer to my predecessor's report for last year. When I succeeded him on 1-1-84 as General Secretary, no relevant documents were to be found.

The Swiss Section had 161 members on 1-1-84, most of them in the French-speaking part of the country.

Public lectures were held as usual in Geneva and Basle by Section members as well as guest speakers from abroad.

The 1984 Section Convention was

held in May and it was a joy to see how the members look forward to meeting again soon (in November) to discuss the real significance of the message of Theosophy and the task of T.S. members.

Several Swiss members attended the Summer Schools in Germany and Austria as well as the European Congress in France.

MISS ELIZABETH JENNY
General Secretary

U. S. A.

The American Section has 5,436 members, seventy-six branches and eighty-four study centres.

The Theosophical Research Foundation was legally incorporated during the year and it has published three issues of *The Theosophical Research Journal*, its official organ. Subscribers come from many countries.

Our audio-visual programmes continue to be expanded and used by the branches and even by other organizations. This educational venture is a new way of expounding theosophical principles. An active lecture programme is maintained. Our four theosophical camps every year attract many members and non-members and are a great asset to the theosophical work.

The Publishing House in Wheaton continues to distribute our books to an ever-widening number of bookstores all over the United States and even airports.

The special issues of *The American Theosophist* are bought by many non-members and circulation greatly increased in the past year—with well over 2,400 new subscribers to these issues. Projected sales of 'Theosophy in Brief' leaflets is about 81,000 and we are also preparing to have three leaflets printed in Spanish for distribution to our Spanish-speaking members.

The Department of Education provides

educational material and services to branches, study centres, federations and individual members—also assistance to theosophical camps and special workshops. Radio programmes are distributed throughout the United States.

The Correspondence Course programme continues to be an important educational service to new members and to those who wish to learn about Theosophy without necessarily becoming members. During the past year there were forty-six active students enrolled in the courses.

The third video-tape in the series of 'Man and the Universe' titled 'Evolution: The Unfolding of Consciousness' was released during the year. We also produced and released an interview of Mrs Radha Burnier by Mrs Dora Kunz about 'The Objectives of The Theosophical Society'. All of our video-tape programmes have proven to be popular.

Ten new Quest books were released and 11 others were reprinted. In addition, three non-Quest titles were produced and one was reprinted. There was a good response to our Mail Order Programme under which eight times each year T.P.H. mails out between 30,000 and 35,000 leaflets to individuals, listing between nine and 11 books available for purchase.

MRS DORA KUNZ
National President

URUGUAY

We offer public lectures on various theosophical subjects every Saturday. The Lodges hold their weekly study meetings regularly.

Under the auspices of the Inter-Ameri-

can Theosophical Federation, the Section prepared a three-day study programme in October 1983. The General Secretaries of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, and the Presidential Agent for Bolivia together

with some other members from those countries attended, in addition to the President of the Federation, Mr Manuel Farinich and his wife.

In April this year Mrs Betsan Coats visited the Section and lectured on ecology for the public and on various theosophical subjects at members' meetings.

In May we had the wonderful opportunity to receive Mrs Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar who with her charm and wisdom inspired the public and created enthusiasm among the members.

Also under the auspices of the Inter-American Federation we received Mr Vicente Fiumano from Argentina in

September when he gave public lectures and conducted a study course for members, also open to the public.

We celebrated theosophical anniversaries as usual. The Library was open as a reading room for the public, but patronage was below expectation.

There has been a slight decrease in membership, but what is worse it seems that we are not really arousing interest in the public, something that in our opinion must be reviewed. With our loyalty to the work we hope for better results in the coming years.

MRS DOLORES GAGO DE FUERTE
General Secretary

WALES

An attitude of an open mind, and with this, an open door to our Lodges, welcoming people who are interested in learning about Theosophy, has helped and encouraged quite a few inquirers.

We try to expand our knowledge of ourselves to discover how to live with greater wisdom and the warm and friendly atmosphere at the weekly meetings is appreciated by all.

Weekly study/discussion meetings for members and non-members are well attended and are mentally stimulating.

Membership in both Lodges is staying about the same.

Public lectures are held fortnightly and speakers are invited from other Lodges and Sections as well as from our own members. We try to encourage members to participate actively by taking part in a symposium and/or giving a talk. The best way to learn is to prepare a talk and teach others.

MRS ELISE PROBERT
General Secretary

YUGOSLAVIA

After the reorganization of the Yugoslav Section as per the order of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, in January 1984, we now have 52 registered members in three lodges. Ljubljana Lodge, with 34 members, holds weekly meetings, while the other two lodges, Celje and Rijeka, meet once a fortnight.

A highlight of the year was the visit of Mrs Radha Burnier in August 1984 when she personally acquainted herself with our work and problems. The main problem is the fact that the group under the leadership of Mr Emilio Trampuz continues to work under the same name, although no more affiliated to the

Theosophical Society. And in this respect the Section is waiting the due decision from the authority. Meanwhile we are endeavouring to intensify T.S. work.

During the year under review we translated *Light on the Path* and *At the Feet*

of the Master. We plan to publish the Section journal after the annual convention scheduled for November 1984.

DR AUGUSTIN GERDEN
General Secretary

REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

BOLIVIA

There have been difficulties on the political and economic fronts that have upset activities of daily life and attendance at Lodge meetings has been somewhat lower. But in general the regular weekly meetings of the theosophical lodges have been maintained.

In spite of trips to other cities by the

T.S. Presidential Agent and through other efforts, there has been no way of augmenting the number of members. It seems to be the present time that has influenced events.

MR MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO
Presidential Agent

MALAYSIA

1984 has seen some progress in T.S. work in Malaysia. The Penang Study Group is now ready to be formed into a Lodge and action is being initiated to register the Lodge. The Penang circle already has about 20 members who have shown great enthusiasm. Study classes meet every week.

The Seremban and Kuala Lumpur

lodges are also continuing their regular meetings which are well attended. Both the Lodges run Montessori schools as part of their community service. The school in Seremban now has nearly 200 children and has become a model school.

MR S. NARAYANAN
Presidential Agent

PAKISTAN

No Report

SCOTLAND

The year under review has been overshadowed since April by the shock of having the Charter withdrawn and the General Secretary replaced by a Presidential Representative. The reaction that ensued has taken up much of the energies of the members during the last six months.

The T.S. in Scotland has had such firm foundations laid by members in the 1890's and right through the difficult times of the 1940's, up to our present time there are still to be found members giving selfless service.

There are seven Lodges altogether, three of them with less than seven members. Total membership now stands at 180. The most northerly Lodge is Aberdeen; during the last year they have made use of England's excellent audio cassette library, bringing interesting and thought-provoking talks to the small group of members.

Glasgow Lodge saw a continuation of their building programme begun in the previous year. The large library has

been transferred downstairs, resulting in the lecture room being big enough now for conferences, exhibitions, Yoga classes, etc. It was featured on national T.V. for ten minutes.

Edinburgh's activities are varied with three lodges contained in the H.Q. premises besides the main Edinburgh Lodge. Public lectures are intended to attract Edinburgh scholars and many well-known authors have participated in these lectures. Edinburgh Lodge has an excellent relationship with local academic bodies and links with Edinburgh University's Department of Parapsychology. The theosophical texts are studied and discussed, and there is a separate meditation class. The Library is very extensive and has been reorganized with the help of volunteers.

Theosophy will be kept alive in Scotland with the continued help of selfless workers.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR
Presidential Representative

VENEZUELA

During the year under review we made a good effort to improve our theosophical work. In our studies, meetings and conferences, all members are encouraged to participate and share their experiences, ideas, etc. We try not to employ the old method of long, tired readings, which are not attractive at all.

Mr Walter Ballesteros, General Secre-

tary of the Colombian Section, visited us in December 1983 and exchanged ideas in relation to theosophical work.

Members of Fraternidad Lodge are actively engaged in T.O.S. work along with their theosophical activities.

Blavatsky Lodge meets every Saturday afternoon. After the regular meeting, tea is served and members and visitors

freely exchange views and thoughts about theosophical subjects.

We have not been able to publish our journal *Unidad* more frequently because of shortage of active workers.

Our meetings and study groups cover a

wide range of subjects. In addition to regular theosophical literature, they include Yoga, Meditation and Magnetism.

DR ROGER VIVAS-DECANIO
Persidential Agent

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AFRICA, WEST

A high standard of work was maintained during the year under report in the Regional Association of West Africa. Ninetyeight new members joined the T.S. during the year. However, a large number of lapsings, mostly new members from Nigeria (who found the T.S. different from their intangible longings and aspirations) resulted in a net loss of 38 in membership.

Our annual convention, held in Accra in April 1984 under the theme 'Comparative Religion', was a great success. Various speakers explained the history and teachings of different religions.

A one-day weekend seminar was held at Kumasi in September on the theme 'The Impact of Theosophy on World Thought'. The consensus was that a one-day seminar was too short to cover all aspects of the theme.

We printed locally 15,000 copies of *At the Feet of the Master* in English with

special permission from the T.P.H. at Adyar. Three thousand copies have already been sold to the public. Shortage of basic theosophical books due to foreign exchange restrictions has been partly met during the year by generous donations of books by Adyar and the American Section.

The West African Theosophist, our journal, was resuscitated during the year as a bi-annual magazine.

The Organizing Secretary and his deputy, Mr Paul B. Kwakye, visited most of the lodges and centres in Ghana. Our Treasurer, Mr Charles Baiden, visited Nigeria and Liberia. An effort is being made to start classes. There is need for in-depth study of Theosophy so that members come to know the unique role of the Society and not just sympathize with its aims.

MR J. O. K. EDUSEI
Organizing Secretary

CANADA No Report

IRELAND, NORTHERN

Our programme of public activities in the form of talks and discussions was inspiring and comprehensive as it usually is. The titles ranged from 'True Identity' and 'The Quintessence of Yoga' to 'Exploring Inner Space' and 'Yoga and Space-Age Healing'.

Our 36th Annual Convention was held in May with the Organizing Secretary, Mr. Tony Rodriguez, as guest speaker; his address 'The Simple Truth' was warmly received by members and the public alike.

Meetings on Wednesdays were well attended; the average attendance has been on the increase and there are signs that things will continue to improve. For the first time this year, a few of our newest members had the opportunity of

attending the English Speaking Region Summer School at Ripon. They returned with renewed enthusiasm for the work.

A study group has been exploring throughout the year 'The Science of Yoga' guided by Taimni's competent hand. In the coming year we look forward to exploring 'The Nature of Mysticism' in the light of Jinarajadasa's precious little book.

I have had a number of serious enquiries lately and feel fairly confident that, before long, our numbers will increase. We are fortunate to count with a magnificent core of dedicated workers. All is well with Theosophy in Ulster.

MR TONY RODRIGUEZ
Organizing Secretary

FEDERATIONS

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The highlights of 1984 were the visit of Mrs Radha Burnier, our International President, to 16 National Sections and the holding of the European Congress in Poitiers, France, 18-25 July.

Mrs Burnier's tour, organized with the help of Mr Curt Berg, member of our Executive Committee, covered 16 of our 21 Sections: France, Greece, the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Germany, France, England, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Italy and Yugoslavia.

The Executive Committee members have all been working in their own areas—lecturing, writing and helping in all ways. For the French General Secretary it was a very busy year. Not

only did she take over most of the responsibility for the European Congress in Poitiers assisted by her skilled co-workers in France, but she also travelled in the French-speaking parts of Africa, meeting somewhat isolated but enthusiastic members over there, some of whom she has invited to visit France in 1985.

The European Congress attracted about 260 participants from 17 European countries and Canada. The theme was 'Our World-Wide Theosophical Movement', and all lectures were given in both French and English. Of the 11 study groups, five were English-speaking, five French and one Spanish. Mrs Burnier lectured on 'The Yoga of Theosophy' and 'There is no other way

to go'; conducted a Q and A session and closed the Congress. Prof. Phan Chon Ton gave a stimulating talk on 'The Universe in Man' based on occult science and new scientific data. Other speakers highlighted different aspects of the Ancient Wisdom found in various traditions: in the Vedas (Jeanine Miller), in the Atlanto-Celtic religious tradition (Yves Marcel), in Shamanism (Mimi Pearon-Laroute), in Platonism (Hugh Gray), in Islam (Salomon Lancry), in Buddhism (Muriel Daw). Ianthe Hoskins included them all in her presentation 'Images of Wisdom'.

Every afternoon there was a programme which made this Congress something special. Presented by Michel Chapotin (France) and Diana Dunningham (Krotona) the delegates were shown a most interesting and well performed 'History of Our Society'—Dias, talk, music. The series will be copied so that many sections will be able to enjoy it.

The European School of Theosophy met again for the fourth session in Tekels Park, England, and concentrated on *The Key to Theosophy*, *Diagrammes in The Secret Doctrine*, and *The Spiritual*

Path. Teachers were Ianthe Hoskins, Geoffrey Farthing and Adam Warcup and guest speaker Jeanine Miller.

Four new General Secretaries were elected during the year: Germany, Belgium, Norway and Iceland.

The year also witnessed reorganization of the Yugoslav Section and we do hope that T.S. work will be effectively renewed there.

New technology has to be harnessed for disseminating Theosophy and another step in this direction has been the production of a series of 13 cassettes by Geoffrey Farthing summarising the teachings of H.P.B. and the Mahatma Letters. We need more work in this direction.

Europe is seething with theosophical interest and 1984 has been a year full of inspiration. Outside our T.S. world there is an ever-growing grassroots interest in Peace, Environment, and Spirituality—all fields which we as trustees of the Ancient Wisdom can enrich and deepen. Let us do so!

Finally, I thank my co-workers for their enthusiastic cooperation and teamwork.

MRS BARBRO MELANDER
Chairman

INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

The Federation's activities were confined only to the sending out of Newsletters in order to keep the members from the various countries informed and to exchange views. The idea of setting up some kind of Training Centre in the Pacific-basin area did get

some airing and Australia was the place suggested, either in Perth or in Sydney.

The Third Indo-Pacific Federation Conference is being scheduled to be held in Karachi from 12th to 15th December 1985.

MR S. NARAYANAN
President

INTER AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

(1983 and 1984)

The highlight of the period (1983 and 1984) was the visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, March 27-June 11, 1983. Her lecture-tour covered Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico and the United States. It was highly stimulating for workers, members and the general public. She was also guest speaker at the summer school in Argentina in April.

Other prominent visitors to the area included Mrs Seetha Neelakantan (April 7-June 30, 1984), Mrs Betsan Coats (April-May 1984), Mr Roberto Minervini, Vice President of the Federation, and myself.

A meeting of the Federation's Executive Committee was held at Montevideo, Uruguay in October 1983 when a schedule of future projects was drawn up. An inter-American 'Seminar on Theosophy' was held in Puerto Rico 4-8 January 1984, which also provided an opportunity to plan future work.

Translation and publication of theosophical literature now total 18 titles. We are now marketing theosophical literature through commercial outlets in different countries.

A plan has been approved to publish the Federation Bulletin once every four months. Material and guides for organizing theosophical work and study have been edited and distributed. They cover different levels of theosophical teachings, lecturing, theosophical living and concentration and meditation.

The next meeting of the Federation will be held in Brazil during April 1985. We have tried to encourage the Sections to participate in planning the work of the Federation to make it a true expression of what the members want it to be.

MR MANUEL FARINICH
President

WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

The WTYF continued its work regularly during 1984, with activities still very much concentrated in Brazil. Its motto is 'Brotherhood, Study, Virtue'. The Brazilian Youth Federation (BTYF) held three successful camps in different parts of the country. Many participants said the camps were deep experiences where they could feel something of the love and wisdom Theosophy is supposed to be.

The BTYF is working with six youth groups, which have no age limits as such; but the work is planned to meet young people's interests, needs and problems.

The work is oriented to the young, but not necessarily done only by young people. The Federation aims not to repeat the regular Lodge work, but to draw youngsters to discuss their problems—professional and vocational matters, and the right way of earning one's living.

Both the WTYF and BTYF held elections during the year. The WTYF's chairman (Arnaldo Sisson Filho) was reelected for another term of three years.

ARNALDO SISSON FILHO
Chairman

LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

BANGLADESH

Comilla Lodge

Ours is the only theosophical lodge in Bangladesh. It was established in 1889 and among its distinguished visitors were Annie Besant and C. Jinarajadasa.

We now have 46 members, including 13 new members. A brochure in Bengali on the T.S. is under preparation as part of an effort to attract new blood.

Fifty-four meetings were held during the year, including celebration of theosophical anniversaries. Talks and discussions covered a wide range of topics,

theosophical as well as the teachings of different religions.

Visits and addresses by several high officials during the year provided inspiration and enthusiasm to the lodge. Two of them sanctioned ex-gratia grants of Tk. 5,000 each for rehabilitation of the lodge which suffered total destruction during the liberation struggle in 1971.

REV. D. R. MAHATHERO

President

CAMEROON

No Report

EGYPT

No Report

HONG KONG

No Report

ISRAEL

Covenant Lodge

The year under review saw an awakening of the theosophical work in Israel. Covenant Lodge and Blavatsky Lodge are now functioning under the same roof. There is a marked increase in the number of youngsters who show an interest in Theosophy. Sale of theosophical books has increased and we will have to publish new editions.

We have started a very fruitful cooperation with other spiritual groups in Israel which resulted in publishing articles on theosophical subjects in their journals.

The frequency of T.S. meetings in the year under report was once a week

compared to twice a month the year before. In the coming year we plan two weekly meetings—one devoted to study and discussion.

Our membership increased to 18 from 12 the year before.

We look forward with hope and prayer that in the coming year the light of the ageless wisdom will pour into many more hearts and minds in this and other countries to facilitate the entrance of humanity into the new age.

MR ABRAHAM ORON

President

Harmony Lodge, Tel-Aviv

The demise of our very much honoured President, Mr Hanz Zeuger, last year was a hard blow to our lodge. He was an active T.S. member for 65 years and we have suffered an irreparable loss. We try to continue our activities at the

lodge, but as most of our members are very old and often sick, they are not able to attend our meetings. This makes the arranging of our meetings very difficult if not impossible.

JAPAN

No Report

PERU

The merger of the four Theosophical Lodges in Peru was effected during the year under review and the merged institution called 'The Peruvian Theosophical Society' began functioning from April 1984 with Mr Julio Pomar as President. The first step was to rent a room for our meetings every Thursday. Our library has also started functioning at the home of Sister Judith Lopez.

We began reinscription of our members and have already registered 33 of them. The work is continuing. Our work now is the reorganization and we hope that our effort will have good results in the

near future and enable the chartering of a National Section that we need so much in Peru.

Our weekly meetings begin with group meditation followed by a study period. We have studied Annie Besant's *The Inner Government of the World* and are now on N. Pearson's *Space, Time and Self*. Our meetings are very interesting, with attendance ranging from 15 to 20 members. We are also publishing a little bulletin, *Krotona*.

MR JULIO POMAR
President

SINGAPORE

No Report

SURINAME

No Report

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION
AND
RULES AND REGULATIONS

MEMORANDUM
OF
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860,' that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder,' and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

Members of General Council not answerable

trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..
 „ PYARE LAL ..
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,' ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies,

by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may

appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any **Resolutions** resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the **Who Shall Preside** Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings

of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from **President's term of office** the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be **Election of President** as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years

immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or

other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His

term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other

things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed

Nomination
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of Vice-President;
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of other
officials

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from office

from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by cooption.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

- (i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
- (ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
- (iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called

by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the

Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident,

illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

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24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to

Secretary
to affix Seal

Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

Death or
resignation of
President

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

Head-
quarters

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit

Permission
to reside

the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full

Membership
Date

members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

(d) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another

National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of

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the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenti-

cated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an

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Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association

may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a

period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put

into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. (a) Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years, immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time

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furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of 'The . . . Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908,

may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

Fees and Subscriptions

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the

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General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such

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Cancellation of Charter or dissolution of National Society or Lodge

National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been

cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed

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by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be

Annual General Meeting

determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside

India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

APPENDIX

A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result.... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

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Secretary: Mrs. YOGA Y. SASTRY

Treasurer: Mrs. T. R. S. SASTRY

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National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	... Mr Kanoobhai A. Patel	... P.O. Box 40476, Mufulira, Zambia
1909	Africa, South	... Mr Arthur Bunton	... P.O. Box 22023, Kloofsig, 0034
1956	Africa, West*	... Mr John O.K. Edusei	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Mrs Pilar Madrigal Nieto	... Apartado Postal 797, 1000 San Jose, Costa Rica
1920	Argentina	... Mr. Juan Carlos Palmeri	... Santiago 320, 2000 Rosario (Santa Fé)
1895	Australia	... Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	... 4th Flr., 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1912	Austria	... Dr Norbert Lauppert	... Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	... Dr H. van der Hecht	... 166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia†	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	... Mr João Baptista Brito Pinto	... R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10º andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	... Mr Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta-T3C 2M3
1924	Canada*	... Mrs H.B. Jackson	... P.O. Box 1202, Station 'Q', Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4
1920	Chile	... Mr Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	... Mr Walter Ballesteros	... Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	... Dr Lelia Fernández Pagola	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	... Mrs Marion Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	... Dr Hugh Gray	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	... Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	... Mrs Francoise Caracostea	... 4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs Eva Maas	... An der Lachebrücke 10, D-6450 Hanau 1
1928	Greece	... Mr C. Melissaropoulos	... 26, Harilaou Trikoupi Street, Athens 10679
1921	Iceland	... Mrs Helga Jóakimsdóttir	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik

1891	India	... Dr C. V. Agarwal	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221010
1912	Indonesia	... Mr H.M. Soesiswo	... Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timur
1949	Ireland N*	... Mr Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	... Dr Ian Cowan	... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	... Mr Edoardo Bratina	... via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia†	... Mr S. Narayanan	... 12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	... Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	... 16 de Septiembre 506, Altos 205, Puebla, Pue 72000
1897	Netherlands, The	... Mrs Ineke Vrolijk	... Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	... Mr Jack Patterson	... 18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	... Ms Agens Ibsen	... Odd Husbysvåg 82 B, 7000 Trondheim
1948	Pakistan†	... Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	... 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	... Mr Vincente Haó Chin Jr	... Corner P, Florentino and Iba Streets, Quezon City
1921	Portugal	... Dr Maria G. Nobre Santos	... Campo Martires da Pátria 69, r/c- Dto., Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	... Prof. Miguel A. Charneco	... Apartado 1766, Correo General, Hato Rey, 009360
1910	Scotland†	... Mrs Margaret T. Senior	... 2 Brodieshill Cottages, nr Forres, Moray, IV 36 OQU
1921	Spain	... Dr José Maria Vendrell Brucet	... Sociedad Teosofica Española, Ríos Rosas, 25-1º-Da, Madrid 3
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr T.R. Rustomjee	... 127/1, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1895	Sweden	... Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund	... Kalle Posts väg 48, S-702 29 Örebro
1910	Switzerland	... Miss Elizabeth Jenny	... Binderstrasse 62, CH—8702, Zollikon
1886	United States of America	... Mrs Dora Kunz	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0270
1925	Uruguay	... Mrs Dolores Gago de Fuerte	... J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Correos 1553
1953	Venezuela†	... Dr Roger Vivas-Dacanio	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	... Mrs E.T. Probert	... 21 Alfreda Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF 4 2EH
1925	Yugoslavia	... Dr Augustin Gerden	... Dalmatinova 9, Ljubljana 61000

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Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation: President: Mr S. Narayanan, 12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

World Theosophical Youth Federation: Chairman: Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto Alegre, 90000 Brazil

Additional Members of the General Council

- Mrs GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Mr JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Dr HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr V. WALLACE SLATER, 55, Southfields, Hendon, London NW4 4LX, England, (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr SEYMOUR BALLARD, 3 Manor Close, Cassington, Oxford OX8 1ER England (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Mrs EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Miss JOY MILLS, Krotana 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)
- Miss IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7LL, England (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr C.R.N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1984, 1985 and 1986)
- Mr CURT BERG, Sparrisbacken 63, S-162-37 Vallingby, Sweden (for 1985, 1986 and 1987)
- Mr N. MUTHUSWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1985, 1986 and 1987)
- Mr JUAN VINAS, Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina (for 1983, 1984 and 1985)

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held at Adyar on 25 December 1984 at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President (in the Chair) and proxy for France, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland and Mr Seymour D. Ballard.</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Argentina, Germany, Philippines, Uruguay and Mr Curt Berg.</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>Secretary, and proxy for Belgium, Central America, Finland, Yugoslavia and Miss Joy Mills.</i>
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	<i>Treasurer and proxy for Burma, Indonesia, Norway, Puerto Rico and Miss I. H. Hoskins.</i>
Dr Hugh Gray	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England and proxy for the Netherlands and Mr. V. W. Slater.</i>
Dr C. V. Agarwal	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India.</i>
Mr C. R. N. Swamy	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Australia, Brazil, Italy and New Zealand.</i>
Mr N. Muthuswamy	<i>Additional Member.</i>

Present by Invitation as an Observer

Mr H. D. Shah

The President welcomed the members present and read the proxies. One proxy was invalid as it was in favour of a member who was not present.

1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 24 December 1983 and 2 January 1984 were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters arising out of the Minutes

AuMoryaPur

It was reported that legal action had been initiated to remove AuMoryaPur from the T.S. premises, formerly occupied by the Olcott Memorial School. After shifting of the

Olcott Welfare Society and the Child Welfare Centre to these premises the Social Welfare Centre of the T.S. was officially inaugurated on the 8th May 1984. The Constitution of the Olcott Welfare Society had been so amended that it will always be linked to the Theosophical Society, thus avoiding the possibility of future conflict of interests.

Ireland

The President reported that Dr Ian Cowan has been elected as General Secretary and there is promise of a brighter future for the T.S. in Ireland.

Scotland

Mrs Margaret Senior was appointed as Presidential Representative. After a period of difficulty, it seems as if the section is improving.

Yugoslavia

It was reported that action had been taken as decided by the General Council on 2 January 1984. Dr Augustin Gerden was elected as General Secretary (National President). The group led by the former General Secretary, Emilio Trampuz, claimed that they represented the authentic T.S. in Yugoslavia. Many difficulties were created by them, including world-wide propaganda against the officers of the European Federation and the International President. The President visited Ljubljana at the end of August in order to help the members to resolve certain problems. The visit was useful. Indications are that the position of the T.S. in Yugoslavia will become stable.

3. Confirmation of Voting Results

(a) Election of Additional Members for the years 1985, 1986 and 1987.

<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mr N. Muthuswamy	41	—	1	42
Mr Curt Berg	40	1	1	42

Both of the above-named were declared elected as Additional Members for 1985, 1986 and 1987.

(b) Amendment to Rule 29

29(d): *Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.*

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
33	8	—	1	42

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(c) *Amendment to Rule 33*

Any seven fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Invalid	Total
36	5	—	1	42

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

(d) *Amendment to Rule 38*

38(b): General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years, immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Invalid	Total
37	4	—	1	42

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

It was noted that the final form of the above amendments was decided after taking into consideration the views and comments received from Sections all over the world.

4. Comments on Suggested Addition to Rule 29

The comments sent in by various members were read and discussed. It was agreed that the President and Vice-President with the help of anybody else they may wish to coopt should decide the wording of the proposed addition to Rule 29 and it should be circulated for voting.

5. Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1984

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President.

The Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year 1985 shall consist of the following:

President	..	Chairman
Vice-President	.. ..	Vice-Chairman
Mrs Helen Gething, Chairman, T.P.H., London		Member
Mr Clarence Pedersen, Publication Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton		Member
Mr C.R.N. Swamy, Publication Manager, T.P.H., Adyar		Member
Miss Joy Mills	.. ..	Member
The Chairman, European Federation	.. ..	Member
The Chairman, Inter-American Federation	.. ..	Member

6. Appointment of the International Finance Committee for 1985

The following were appointed members of the International Finance Committee for the year 1985:

Mrs Radha Burnier	..	President
Mr Surendra Narayan	..	Vice-President
Dr Hugh Gray		
Mrs Dora Kunz		
Mr Curt Berg		
Mr Michael Chapotin		

7. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1984

A summary of the Executive Committee's Minutes for 1983-84 was received and discussed.

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1985:

Mrs Radha Burnier	..	President
Mr Surendra Narayan	..	Vice-President
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	..	Secretary
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	..	Treasurer
Mr C. R. N. Swamy	..	General Council Member
Mr N. Muthuswamy	..	General Council Member
Mr John Clarke		
Mr Ch. Sankar Rao		
Mr R. Gopalaratnam		
Mr K. Visvanathan		

8. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending 30 September 1984

It was noted that in spite of the heavy expenditure on the various items of Maintenance the over-all financial position was not unsatisfactory.

9. Revised Budget for the year ending 30 September 1985

The budget was considered and adopted.

10. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1985

N. A. Naganathan & Co. were appointed as Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1985 on the prevailing terms.

11. Any Other Business

- (a) Based on problems arising in some sections, it was felt that the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society may be suitably amended to provide that:
 - (i) the General Secretary of a section shall generally be resident in that section.
 - (ii) instead of being appointed or otherwise selected, as presently provided in Rule 38, the General Secretary of a section shall be *elected*, according to a procedure to be laid down in the rules of the section, for a term not exceeding three years, there being no bar on his reelection for subsequent terms.
- (b) Rule 27 lays down that any person residing in Adyar under permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. A case may sometimes arise where the circumstances are so serious that the person concerned should vacate the premises immediately at, say, twentyfour hours notice. It was felt, therefore, that the rule should be amended to dispense with the notice period of a fortnight.

